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THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.
SWITZERLAND ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.

LONDON, February 15.
The second public meeting of the League of Nations Council has opened. Mr. Balfour in a brief speech declared that after the experience of the last few days he looked forward to the future of the Council with the utmost confidence. The businesslike and conciliatory spirit shown demonstrated that the league would be of incalculable service to mankind. M. Bourgeois submitted a report regarding the Court of International Justice and it was resolved to refer the question to a commission of legal experts to be discussed at the next meeting. It also resolved to refer the question of a permanent organisation to deal with matters relating to transit, waterways, ports and railways to the existing French Commission, and the permanent organisation of health affairs to the existing British Commission. The Council decided to admit Switzerland as an original member of the League, while permitting Switzerland to retain neutrality in view of her special position. It further resolved to convene an international conference to study means of remedying the financial crisis.

LONDON, Feb. 15.
The Council of the League of Nations, at the second day's proceedings at St. James palace settled the organisation of the Saar Basin and rejected the request of four German communes for inclusion in the Saar region, on the ground that the Treaty does not empower the Council to make changes of delimitation.

LONDON, Feb. 15.
The Supreme Council meeting, at Downing Street considered the reply to the Dutch note of January 23. It is understood, the reply will not repeat the demand for the surrender of the ex-Kaiser, but will point out the undesirability of retaining him in Holland, both in the interests of Holland and the peace of Europe. The Council also considered the German informal reply regarding war criminals. It is understood that Germany declined to surrender the latter but offered to try them before a German tribunal. It is expected the Council's final answer will be drafted this afternoon and immediately telegraphed to Germany.

LONDON, Feb. 15.
It is announced that the Supreme Council notes as regards the ex-Kaiser and other war criminals have finally been settled and are now being forwarded to the Dutch and German Governments respectively. The contents will not be published until the replies are received. The League of Nations Council has closed, and the next meeting will be in Rome about the middle of March.

THE EXPENDITURE BOGEY.
CHANCELLOR STILL OPTIMISTIC.

LONDON, February 15.
In the House of Commons during the debate on the address Sir A. Steel Maitland moved an amendment regretting that the Government's expenditure was so high, causing depreciation of national credit and an increase in the cost of living.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying, contended that high prices were due to world causes. For example the world's sugar production was short. No sugar was coming from Russia, Germany or Austria, while the United States wanted immensely more sugar to compensate for alcohol. He believed the national debt had reached its maximum and from now on its movement would be downwards. The next essential would be the funding of the floating debt. He expected the financial year would end more favourably than was anticipated. Revenue was coming in well and prospects were good. He emphasised that while there was every reason for care there was absolutely no reason for panic.

Sir A. Steel Maitland's amendment was rejected by 188 votes to 44 and the Address was unanimously adopted.

EMPIRE STATISTICAL CONGRESS.

LONDON, February 15.
The Home Secretary presided at a Government dinner to delegates to the British Empire Statistical Congress. The company included the high Commissioners of New Zealand and South Africa. The Chairman dwelt on the necessity of the establishment of a central bureau of statistical information which would be a clearing house for the Empire. The Government would warmly welcome such a movement. The Conference had done a great work and he was satisfied that an international bureau under the League of Nations would duly arrive.

Presiding at a Government luncheon to the delegates to the Imperial Statistical Conference, Sir Auckland Geddes declared that the Government regarded the conference as most important, because the Cabinet at present had to make decisions affecting the destiny of every part of the Empire in almost complete ignorance of the real position of the Empire. The Government wanted to see the statistical machinery of the Empire placed on a satisfactory basis enabling it to supply information at present lacking.

A FEATHERED ASYLUM.
HELIGOLAND'S POSSIBLE FUTURE.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed in England at the failure of the Versailles Conference to decide, in regard to the Island of Heligoland, more than that it shall cease to be a German fortress. For this great rock, besides being an imperishable monument to the blindness which prevented British statesmen from realizing the important role it was to play in carrying out Germany's plans for universal domination by force of arms, has for ages been a temporary resting place for millions of birds which make their spring and autumn migrations. That they may alight there safely for a night on their long journeys from north to south and back again is essential, not only to the lives of individual birds, but to the preservation of whole species.

These considerations did not prevent the Germans from making the island bristle with cannon, or from trapping by the hundreds of thousands the migrants that persisted in coming there in spite of the unfavourable

change in conditions thus produced. Now it is proposed by the friends of birds in Great Britain, and they have the cordial support of Dr. Hornaday and other American ornithologists, that not only should Heligoland cease to be a fortress for any nation, but that it be made a bird sanctuary—a place where birds shall be free at all seasons from molestation of any kind by anybody.

The island is quite worthless for any other purpose except this one, as it is no longer to serve a military use, but if placed entirely at the service of the migratory birds, all of the many countries between which they move would derive no small amount of practical advantage. As a bird refuge, too, Heligoland would become one of the best places in the world, in which to study the many problems in relation to these migrations that are still unsolved.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.
PARIS, February 15th.
A Havas message states:—
M. Leon Bourgeois has convoked the Council of the League of Nations to meet in London on Wednesday next during three days.

Speaking in the course of a visit to Chalons-sur-Marne, M. Poincare said discussion of the Treaty signed by the Powers was inadmissible. What had been signed should be sacred to all the victors and the vanquished. The nation, who caused the war, must bear its consequences.

M. Clemenceau has arrived in Egypt. He was warmly greeted on his arrival at Alexandria by the Governor and many high officers went on board the steamship to welcome him.

The Chamber of Deputies adopted by 460 votes against 69 Socialist votes a motion stating that M. Poincare deserved well of his country.

The French Cabinet yesterday decided concerning the wheat crop of 1920. The control of sale price shall be abolished.

Interviewed by the Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail, M. Millerand said that he is a strong supporter of the closest possible relations between France and Britain, and if he received any encouragement from Mr. Lloyd George, nothing would please him more than to undertake a full discussion of all outstanding questions on the lines of Delcasse's famous programme which resulted in the Entente Cordiale.

The Daily Mail adds that it understands that M. Millerand would like to go further and to establish an actual close Franco-British Alliance. French opinion cordially supports him.

The Ambassadors' Council has rejected the request of Germany and Austria to be allowed to keep police aeroplanes. There was hardly any discussion.

SUPREME COUNCIL.
LONDON, February 15th.
The Supreme Council met this morning at 10 a.m. at Downing Street. Mr. Lloyd George, M. Millerand, Signor Nitti and Lord Curzon were present.

The discussions were of a general preliminary character touching, *inter alia*, the outstanding questions with Germany and the Turkish question. The conferences are expected to continue for several days and will take up the work of the Supreme Council where it was dropped in Paris and the same course will be followed as in Paris.

LATER.
The Supreme Council sat six hours to-day. It is believed that the meeting in London will last three weeks. No American representatives attended.

The Council considered the question of the surrender of war criminals. Complete agreement was found between the Allies regarding further representations to Germany.

The Allied Finance Ministers shortly met to discuss the European financial problems and report to the Supreme Council.

It has been decided that Paris will continue to be the official headquarters of the Conference.

THE VICE-CHANCELLORSHIP OF HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

A Reuter's message, sent from London on Feb. 9th, inst. and received by us yesterday afternoon, states that Sir Daniel Ross has informed Reuter's Agency that he has definitely rejected the offer of the Vice-Chancellorship of the Hongkong University.

THE CONDITION OF CENTRAL EUROPE.

LONDON, February 15th.
In the House of Commons, during question time, Mr. A. Chamberlain announced that the Government had informed the United States that, besides 124 millions sterling voted for the current financial year for the relief of Central Europe, the British Government was prepared to contribute a further sum not exceeding half the contribution of the United States and not exceeding ten millions sterling, which would be used to provide British foodstuffs, raw materials and other essentials, and to pay the freights on goods carried by British ships. The Canadian Government had intimated its desire to contribute—(Cheers)—and the Government was confident that other Allied and Neutral Governments would co-operate.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.
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PUBLIC BURNING OF OPIUM AND MORPHIA IN PEKING.

PEKING, February 15th.
Yesterday, at the Temple of Agriculture, opium and morphia seized in transportation, valued at \$150,000, was publicly burned.

The President was represented by General Yuan Kai-shek.

The President has donated \$2,000 to the Anti-Opium Association and the Premier a thousand, and the members of the Cabinet, also, are contributing generously.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th February to the 21st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

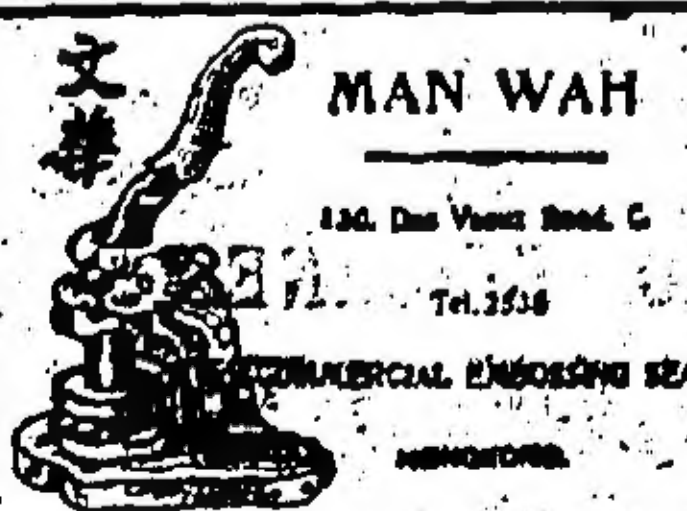
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General Managers.
Hongkong, February 5, 1920.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, 28th February, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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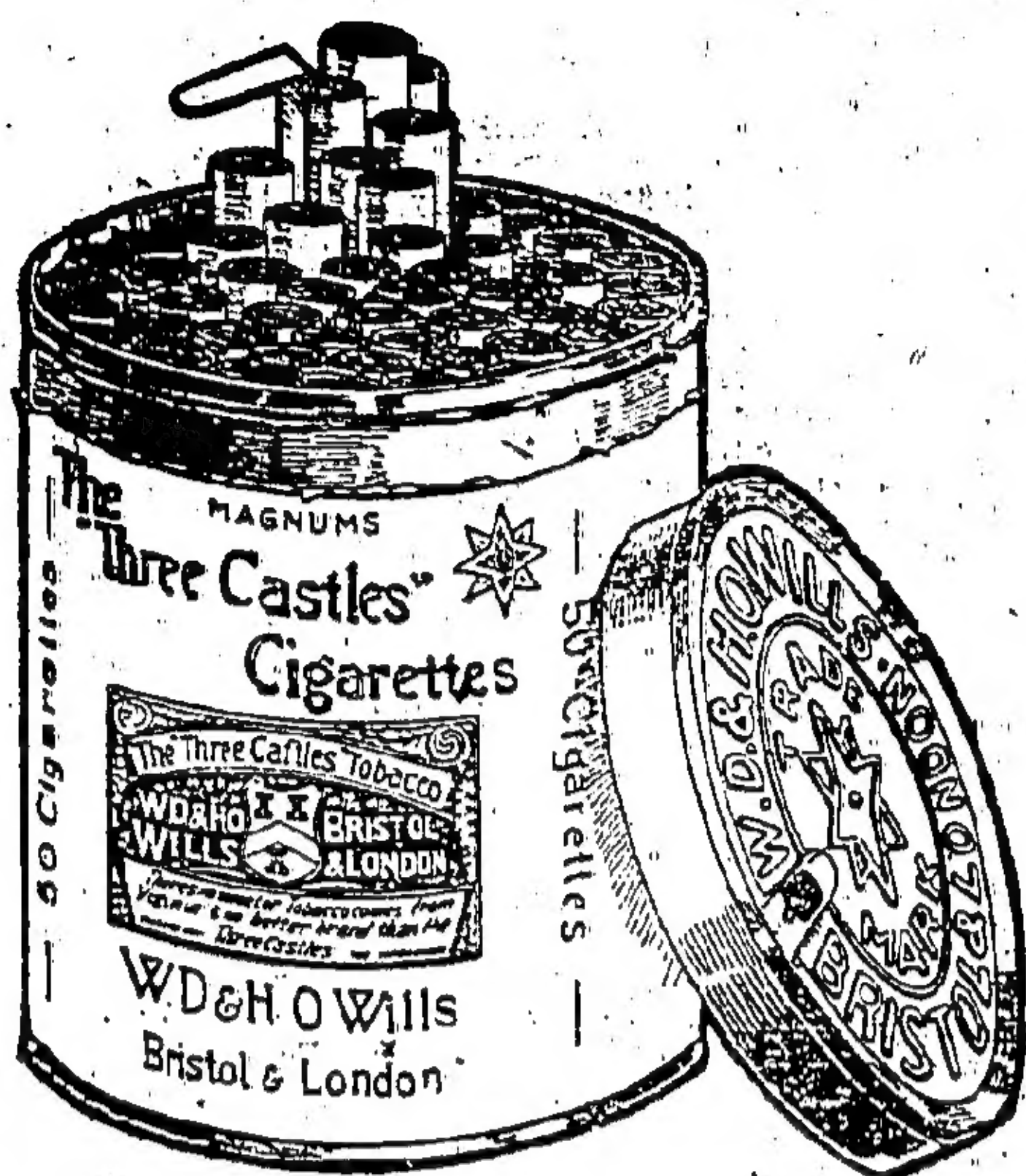
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**CHEMICAL CARGO AND
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A curious story of a chemical cargo from Liverpool was revealed when judgment was delivered by Mr. Justice Hill in the Admiralty Court, in an action brought by the owners of the cargo on the steamship "Yorkshire," sailing out of Liverpool, against the owners of the vessel, in which the chemical action was discussed of a cargo of sulphate of copper on the keelplates of the vessel.

Delivering judgment, his Lordship said this was a claim against the owners of the steamship "Yorkshire," under bills of lading of sulphate of copper and other goods shipped for a voyage from Liverpool to St. Malo in October, 1917, for loss of or damage to the goods. A great part of the shipment was either not delivered at all, or delivered damaged after the voyage had been broken up at Falmouth. The defence was that the cargo was damaged by the ship, minor defence pleaded were not open to defendants in that court, and would only become material if "perils of the sea" failed. The damage was caused by incursion of sea-water into the hold during the voyage. The case turned on whether the ship was "unseaworthy," and the onus of establishing that was upon the plaintiffs. Unseaworthiness was alleged in two respects—on the allegation went to the whole of the damage, the other to part, and it might be the greater part of the damage. First, plaintiffs said that at the beginning of the voyage a lead pipe connected with a water cistern on the port side in the officers' quarters in the superstructure amidships and conducted through the hold to an opening in the ship's side was defective, and also that the storm-valve to the opening in the ship's side was defective. By reason of these defects they said sea water entered the hold, and dissolving the sulphate of copper produced an acid and highly corrosive solution which damaged more of the sulphate and other cargo. The "second" place they said that some of the bottom plates of the ship were before the voyage thin and corroded, whereby the acid cut right through them and caused most serious leaks in two plates in the garboard strake, which resulted in the hold being flooded and further damage being done, nearly the whole of the sulphate of copper being dissolved and other cargo being seriously damaged or destroyed. Defendants replied first that the pipe was sound and was cracked by sea perils during the voyage, and that the valve though not absolutely watertight, was reasonably fit for its purpose, and in the second

place, that the bottom plates were sound, and that the corrosion was entirely due to the acid and wholly caused during the voyage. The "Yorkshire" was a steamer of one hold, with engines aft, built in 1899. She passed her second No. 2 Lloyd's survey in 1915, and was classed 100 A. 1. She was sold to her present owners in 1916, and upon the sale was inspected in dry dock and her bottom and plating found to be in good order. She made a number of voyages to north French ports with general cargoes, returning to the United Kingdom in ballast, and in the summer of 1917 made a few potato voyages between Jersey and Southampton. The voyage immediately preceding the voyage in question was Liverpool to Rouen, and the voyage before that Middleburgh to Fecamp. She was under charter party to Messrs. Leopold Walcott and Co. Having discharged at Rouen, she made a bad passage in ballast to Liverpool, where she arrived on October 20, 1917. The owners had been anxious to withdraw her from service for overhaul, but at Messrs. Walcott's request postponed doing so. She began to load on the morning of her arrival, Saturday, and the loading was completed on the 23rd. As loaded she was about three feet by the stern. The sulphate of copper was directly below the pipe in question, and as loaded the pipe went below the waterline. The "Yorkshire" left the Mersey on the evening of the 24th, but meeting with very heavy weather she put back before she reached the Bar Lightship. She again left the Mersey on the morning of October 25, and the same day during the afternoon she was found to be making water and making no way in a heavy weather off Skerries, she put into Holyhead. It was there found that there was a crack in the lead pipe close to the flange, through which the water was coming. It was found upon discharging and all water was pumped out of the bilges. She left Holyhead on the 31st. She put into Falmouth for bunkers and orders November 2, and while there was found to be making water rapidly, and while at Falmouth she at last made water so rapidly that the hold was filled. This incursion of water at Falmouth was due to holes which developed in two plates in the garboard strake on the port side. The plates immediately forward of the engine-room bulkhead and the plate immediately forward of that. When the ship came to be repaired those two plates were renewed, and also a plate immediately aft of them in the engine-room space, which was also badly corroded. There was corrosion to a less degree in many other places, but not such as to call for renewal. The pipe in itself was a good pipe of its kind. It might be that, judged by the highest standard, a ship should not have a lead pipe in a cargo space, but this was the sort of arrangement common in ships of

this class, and therefore was not unseaworthiness. When was the pipe cracked? Water in such quantity as to indicate a leak was first observed on the 26th, though the weather up to that time had not been such as to cause a leak, though such as to open a crack so as to cause a substantial leak. It was said a crack could not have been caused on the previous ballast voyage, or it would have been visible before loading. His Lordship did not think this at all necessary. The crack might not have opened at all until the ship encountered heavy seas. There was heavy weather off the Cornish coast on the ballast voyage, and on the 24th very bad weather in the Mersey sea channels. The Elder Brethren thought, and his Lordship thought, that if the crack was caused by very bad weather it was more probable that it was caused off the Cornish coast than in the Mersey sea channels, but he could not say that it was so much more probable that it should be justified in finding that it was so caused. The matter was left in doubt, and the onus was on the plaintiffs. He was unable to find that the crack existed before the voyage began. As on the valve, admittedly it was corroded, and not a tight fit. But it was to prevent the return of sea water through the pipe and he could not find that it ought to be watertight, or that the ship was not seaworthy if it was not. The valve was not an extra precaution against a cracked pipe, but to prevent the return of sea water up a sound pipe. The crack, he found, was the initial cause of the damage, and if there had been nothing else, and before anything else happened, caused much damage. But the damage was greatly aggravated, and in part of the plaintiffs' goods, probably wholly caused by the incursion of water, not through the leak in the pipe, but through the corrosion holes in the bottom plating. These leaks began about November 2, and the cause of these holes was the acid produced by sulphate of copper dissolved in sea water, corroding the plates. First, it was said that the acid could not have been tested in the time unless the plates were so corroded or so thin as to make the ship unseaworthy for the voyage. What was required of the plates? That they should be fit to encounter the ordinary perils of the voyage. The ordinary perils of the voyage did not include acid in the bilges. And if the plates were thin, and in that respect the ship unseaworthy, it would still have to be asked whether that unseaworthiness caused the damage. Were the plates too thin or corroded? That, in his Lordship's view, became the sole question. It was said that the ceiling was broken, but of this he could find no evidence, and whether the ceiling was broken or not, the acid solution would have found its way to the bilges. It was said that there was

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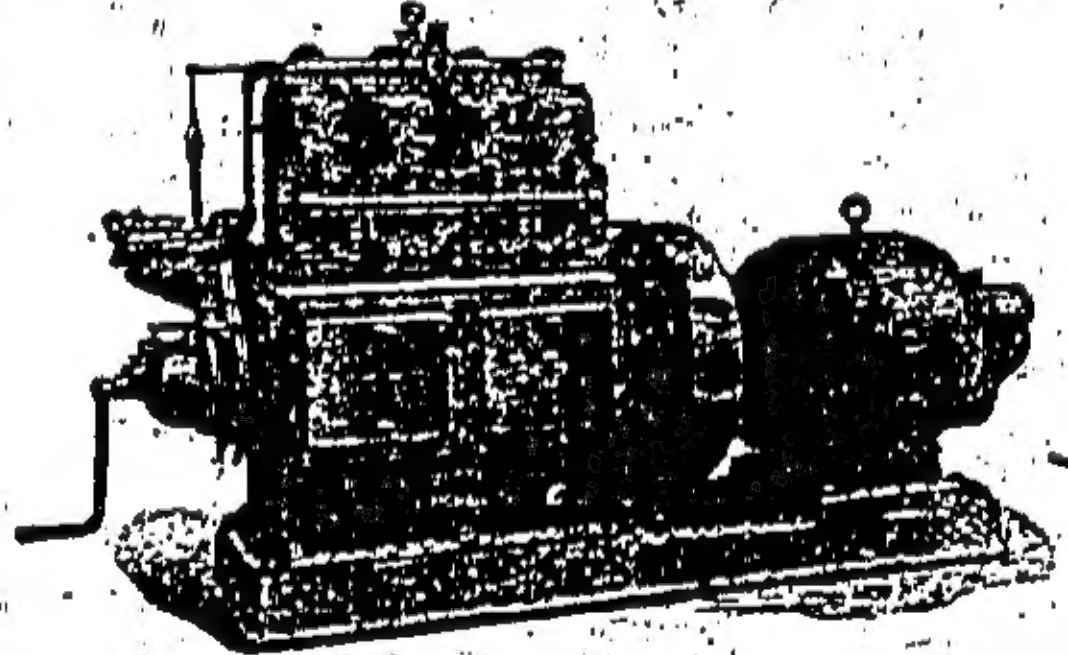
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The priest, on the other hand, said the young women have learned a lot of slang too easily and remember the "pouss" slogans. Nevertheless, he reckons that a girl will come back to her family vivacious and more active and free than before. She endures hardships more easily. Abbe Mugnier, however, remarks that the Parisiennes' speech often shocks him as well as their dress. This, he believes, will die out. He has seen them in the army hospitals and knows that their patience and courage were often sorely tried, but always they have pulled through. He is confident that they will again hold their own in private life.

The good Abbe finds that women have done much reading during the war and considers them all the better for it. They have broader ideas of life to-day and join in conversations which before the war their parents considered unfit for their ears.

The Parisiennes who have taken to dancing since the war displease the Abbe, but he prefers to believe this is just an intermediate stage and that more serious affairs will prevail in the long run. As regards war divorce, Abbe Mugnier is shocked. He says marriages were arranged too rapidly during the war, to the detriment of young girls who to-day regret the days when they were single.

Mme. Fraya is of a different opinion concerning the point. She says women who have come to see her think of nothing else but marriage, and to-day their one great ambition is to get married and to have a home of their own and children. The wave of laziness has not touched the young girl, and Mme. Fraya considers that her sex will help the country to regain its normal aspect quicker than men can. Girls like work and are not afraid of working hard and long.

They have learned to suffer also, says Mme. Fraya. Take love romances, she remarks. How many girls during the war fell desperately in love only to find their ideals broken very rapidly. These girls, made braver by the war, have suffered temporarily, but have decided to face the world alone.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEB. 16, 1923.

REUTER AND OUR VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Sir Denison Ross has informed the local University that he accepts its Vice-Chancellorship. Sir Denison Ross has informed Reuter that he has definitely rejected the offer of the Vice-Chancellorship of the Hongkong University. Now you have all the facts as we have them, and can form your own conclusions. The suspicion is almost certain to occur to an intelligent reader that if Sir Denison Ross has indeed consented to be our new Vice-Chancellor, his assertion to Reuter that he has definitely declined the offer must partake of the nature of camouflage. On the other hand, if he really told Reuter that he had definitely declined, there seems to be more than a suspicion of doubt as to the actuality of his acceptance. Let us examine this intricate situation calmly, employing reason and commonsense, not the *sensu communis* of the schoolmen but the sort of savvy we take to the office every morning, and we shall find that its difficulties become far less imposing than they appear at first sight. The University people are inclined to assume that Reuter has made a mistake, but that is going too far. There is just as much reason to assume that Sir Denison Ross made a mistake. If he doesn't want to come to Hongkong and yet agreed to come, he must be the sort of man who is addicted to mistakes. It is unnecessary to point out that if he does want to come, and intends to come, it is very inconsistent to decline definitely. Inconsistency is a Vice-Chancellor of a University is to be deplored. There is always, however, the factor of human nature to be taken into account. It cannot safely be ignored in any psychological issue. Even vice-chancellors are human, and it is humanly possible that Sir Denison Ross did at one time wish to come, and that in furtherance of that quite proper wish he definitely accepted the offer. If he failed to notify Reuter of such acceptance, that is his affair, or at least, it is a matter

to be settled between himself and Reuter. We have nothing to do with it. Interference would be impertinent. Is it not also possible, on this hypothesis, that Sir Denison Ross did what lesser men have been known to do and "changed his mind"? It is our duty to point out that if that did occur, the subsequent definite rejection, and the notification thereof to Reuter, was quite in order, and in no way inconsistent with the rest of his conduct. In any event, there is a very simple solution of the problem that is at the service of the Hongkong community. It involves a logical process invented by a bygone politician named Aquila, and consists of waiting first and seeing next. If we await the effluxion of time, and see that Sir Denison Ross does not come, then we shall be warranted in the conclusion that he is as a matter of fact not coming, and that the surprising message of Reuter was authentic and correct. In the other event, his actual arrival will go a long way to persuade us that our first news of his acceptance of the position had sufficient foundation in fact to warrant its publication. Thus the mystery will be cleared up, and your minds at rest.

ADVERSARIA.

GREY MORNINGS You know that sort of morning when you wish you did not have to go to work, when the bath is a bore, and breakfast an impertinent nuisance, when the horrid question asks itself, "What is it all for? What is the good of it?" What? You don't know that sort of feeling? You're lucky.

COMPANY DIRECTORS. We have been studying those files, to which our special attention was invited by a recent correspondent, and really we can understand quite well why no editor would care to re-infect such dead stuff on his living readers. In the particular instance, nothing was disclosed or even suggested that has not frequently been plainly put before China Mail readers. We prefer to wait for newer instances, which you may be sure we will point out as soon as we spot 'em.

THE FILES. The files of the China Mail are wonderfully interesting, when you go far enough back. We came across lots of references to the Princely House of Jardine, illustrating chiefly the connection of Jardine taipans with local industry. They haven't always been the boon and the blessing to it that the present incumbent shapes to be.

THE "RING." It is whispered that soon have to come down because the Volunteers will need their parade ground. It is further whispered that there are so few volunteers that it would be a pity to disturb the boxers' arena for the sake of nine—or is it eleven?—drillers. Boxing, says Trotter, is a degrading exhibition of coarse brutality, whereas the martial glory of the volunteers is a thing for patriotic pride. But who minds what a dog thinks?

OUR PEACE MEMORIAL. There will be no peace in the China Mail office until the Peace Memorial Committee cleared up. People keep pestering us about it. Have the bodies been found yet? That was one question asked this morning. Have the police any clue? Who saw them last? Is anything known that would suggest the possibility of suicide? May not Chinese bandits have kidnapped them and be holding them to ransom? Were they properly equipped with wireless, and watertight bulkheads? It is queer that such a number of well-known and useful citizens should be able to disappear without leaving any trace. Public anxiety is augmenting.

PERSONALITIES. Accused of stealing stamps, the Office Boy puffed out his chest like a Taipan, and observed that in the conduct of the affairs of any important business organization such as the one to which he had the honour to belong, all such personalities were to be deprecated. Impressed by this noble attitude, they appointed him to a place on the Board of Directors, and he has never looked back since.

THE LATE MR. WOOLLEY. Gossip has it that the late Mr. Woolley was taken to Hospital across the harbour, on Friday. Those who recall what a raw day Friday was will see the point. On more argument for a hospital for Europeans in Kowloon. Isn't it about time the Government made a definite move? Are they or are they not, to have that hospital at Kowloon?

WHAT CANTON READS. At tiffin during the races a man was asked which paper had the most sales in Canton now. He belongs to a big firm up there. He replied promptly: "Oh, the China Mail now. Everybody reads 'Adversaria'." This does not surprise us. To be quite frank with you, we were expecting it.

SOME OF THE "DARK HORSES" tipsters told us of the presence of certain "dark horses" among the competitors during last week's racing. Their prognostications are confirmed to some extent by the fact that those ponies are still dark.

WAR CRIMINALS. There has been a lot lately in Reuter's news about the German war criminals, and our desire to get them. What of our own, for whom we have no further use? A few proficients sent over to Germany in exchange seems the fair thing.

OUR NETT GAINS. From the world war seem to be a bunch of O.B.E.'s and a bigger bunch of "fue microbes. What?

THE NEW YORK MORNING NASTY. Telegraph says "if Dempsey should go to France to fight Carpentier, it would be the first time he ever went to France to fight."

PLACING THE TIPSTOF HIS FINGERS. Together, and gazing reflectively at the ceiling, Sherlock Holmes remarked that the P.W.D. was exceedingly busy just now. The P.W.D.? Busy? The doctor was naturally startled, and asked the great man how he knew. "Really, my dear Watson," he replied. "It is quite simple. I happened to be passing last night, which, you may have noticed, was a Sunday night, and I saw their offices were all lighted up."

TWO ARMED ROBBERIES.

The accountant of the Sang Chan firm of gold melters, of No. 198 Canton Road, Yaumatei, reports that at about 8 p.m. on Sunday, five men, two armed with revolvers and one with a dagger, entered the premises drove him and his *fohis* to the kitchen, bolted the door, and then ransacked the place and made off with \$5 worth of clothing and jewellery to the value of \$185.40. The Police are investigating the robbery, but no arrests have, up to the time of reporting, been made.

Another robbery is reported to have taken place on cargo boat No. 570V at about 3.30 a.m. on the 15th inst. Five men boarded the boat armed with knives and fire arms, and ransacked the vessel and stole a large quantity of money and clothing. Three of the robbers were arrested by the boatpeople themselves, who gave chase after the robbers had stolen all they wanted from the boat. Details are at present very meagre, but it is certain that part of the loot has been recovered. The Police are investigating this case also.

Spend your Evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Launch.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 6½d.

No communicable disease in to-day's return.

A Tea Dance is being held at Wiseman's Cafe to-morrow.

Rent becomes due from to-morrow on undelivered cargo per s.s. "Chile," also per s.s. "Tysla."

Undelivered cargo by the s.s. "Korea Maru" is subject to storage charges after to-morrow, when damaged cargo will also be examined.

The total output of the Italian Administration's mines for the week ending Jan. 31, amounted to 98,436 tons and the sale during the period, to 77,108 tons.

Cargo by the s.s. "West Jena" remaining undelivered after to-morrow becomes subject to rent. An examination of damaged cargo also takes place to-morrow at 10 a.m.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough inform us that they will hold their usual Public Auction of Race Ponies outside the City Hall on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at 3 p.m. Early entries are requested.

Dragon Motor cars did a record business last week, in spite of the rotten weather. Thanks to the excellent and careful drivers, there was only one minor mishap. Every night many of the cars went out to Repulse Bay. Good business.

In order that he might "write in blood," a statement that China must not abandon Shantung and Foochow, a prominent student of the Peking Government University cut off two of his fingers. He did so whilst making an impassioned speech at a meeting of students.

Traffic through the Panama Canal in 1919 exceeded that of any previous year. Two thousand three hundred and ninety-six ships of 7,128,000 net tons, in addition to naval ships displacing 1,000,000 tons, passed through the waterway. The cargoes of the merchant ships amounted to 7,711,000 tons. Ships measuring 7,000 tons, carrying 10,000 tons of cargo, were two per cent. greater than in any previous year. December broke the monthly record, 283 ships of 957,040 net tons, carrying cargoes of 953,000 tons, traversed the canal. The tolls collected amounted to \$891,373 for December and \$6,972,004 for the year.

A CARNIVAL TRAGEDY.

PARACHUTIST DROWNED.

The last day of the Manila carnival was marred by a very regrettable accident, involving the life of an American parachutist named Ralph Carhart. He had been giving exhibition descents throughout the Carnival from a Curtis plane, using three parachutes, discarding two of them in mid air. On Monday, the 5th inst., he ascended to a height of 3,000 feet and commenced his descent. He discarded two of his parachutes successfully and it looked as if he would accomplish the feat with ease. Unfortunately he was caught in a breeze blowing seawards and dropped into the harbour. When a few feet above the water he jumped from his parachute. He then appeared once and shouted something which was indistinguishable to those on the shore, and shooting his hands above his head disappeared. His body was recovered three days later. A gentleman who has just arrived from Manila informed a China Mail reporter that no launch was in the vicinity to pick him up, although a Government launch was supposed to patrol that stretch of water between certain hours. He dropped about 100 yards from the shore and, apparently not anticipating any such accident, had no life belt.

FIRE AT MONGKOK.

A rather disastrous fire broke out in a godown at Mongkok, at about noon yesterday. The godown, which was owned by Japanese, was rented to the Godown Company, and was used for storing some 80,000 cases of spirits of wine. Attention was first drawn to the place by some people in the vicinity of the Ferry seeing huge volumes of smoke issuing from the direction of the godown and no time was wasted in giving the alarm. By the time the two fire boats and the brigade arrived, the flames had taken such a strong hold that it was impossible to save the godown or the goods stored in it. After fighting the flames for a while, the firemen saw the hopelessness of the struggle, and desisted. The building was gutted. Everything was burned to cinders, and only the stone walls remained standing. The loss to the Godown Company is estimated roughly at some \$150,000. No lives were lost. It has not yet been ascertained if the goods were covered by insurance.

BOXING.

ASSOCIATION'S THIRD SUCCESSFUL TOURNEY.

MASON WINS "DAILY PRESS" CHAMPIONSHIP BELT.

MAHER SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE.

The Hongkong Boxing Association held its third tournament at the "Ring," Volunteer Headquarters, on Saturday night. Despite the depressing weather which prevailed the whole day, the spacious marquee, especially erected for the occasion under the able supervision of Mr. Frank H. Dillon of the P.W.D., was well filled. One feature of the marquee, and a decided improvement, was the fact that the retaining poles opposite the four corners of the ring which proved an obstruction to the view of those occupying the end seats at the previous tournament, were done away with, and one could follow the fighting very comfortably from any seat in the Stadium. Every bout in the tournament was very interesting, and the boxing was of a very high standard. The tournament will go down in the history of local boxing, as one of the best ever held here. Some very keen rivalry was evinced in the bouts between men from the various warships, and the cheering which greeted a ship's favourite, between the rounds, was good to hear. Much credit is due to the several hundreds of men from the various ships, for the sporting way they complied with the officials' request to keep silence during the rounds. Excepting for one or two occasional yells from over excited enthusiasts, who could not be blamed for giving vent to their feeling of appreciation of a well delivered blow, the silence was such that one could almost hear a pin drop.

The "Hawkins" walked away with the honours on Saturday, their representatives winning all but one bout they entered for, and after this, one must think twice before scoffing at the claims of the flagship to being the most sporting warship in the China Station.

Amongst those present on Saturday were Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C., and the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Capt. McGrath represented H.E. the Governor, who was still indisposed and was unable to attend.

The following were the officials—Official Referee:—Mr. H. J. Gedge.

Additional Referees:—Messrs. W. Logan, A. Murdoch, and Major R. Spence, D.S.O.

Time-keepers:—Messrs. A. B. Allan and S. Kelly.

Medical Officer:—Capt. Monteith, R.A.M.C., D.S.O.

In charge of the scales:—Lieut. Ansell, R.N.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. Wyndham and the Officers of the Regiment, the Wiltshire Band was in attendance on Saturday, and enlivened the proceedings with some fine selections.

During the interval, the ever popular and hard working manager of the Association, "Jack" Wildin, announced that the Kerrison-Walters affair had been called off owing to Walters being prevented, on medical grounds, from taking the ring. The Association had communicated with "Iron" Bux at Manila, with a view to arranging a contest between him and "Sky" for the welterweight championship of the Colony; and Bux had cabled back accepting the Association's terms, and would leave Manila as soon as he had fulfilled several engagements he had up there. The next boxing tournament has consequently been provisionally fixed for the first Saturday in March.

The bout between Ship's Cook North of the "Carlisle," and Corp. Cook, R.M.L.I. (H.M.S. "Hawkins"), was the only one, which turned out to be below general expectations. The bout was too friendly to be of any interest. For five full rounds, the men gave nothing more than a sparring exhibition. Referee Gedge had to tell them at the end of the fifth round, that he did not think either was trying. This little reproach had the effect of making the men go to it hammer and tongs in the last round, at the end of which the verdict was given to Cook. Despite the fact that he gave away 16lbs, North fought with confidence, and was as clean as ever; but rather inclined to keep away from infighting. Cook was the more powerful man of the two, but North was more active, and always managed to evade dangerous punches by clever ducks, using his left as he did so.

More than usual interest was evinced in the bout between "Betty" Maher, a Hongkong lad who had seen much war service as a driver in the R.F.A., and Sergt. Ward, R.N.Y.P., for the Amateur lightweight championship of the Colony. Like Bux, Maher is a pupil of "Kid" Marriot, and took up boxing while still in school. Three of Maher's most important wins before the war were over Dixon, Gifford, and "Batling" Joe of Manila. In all these three fights, Maher defended his title in a most convincing manner. Since joining the Army, Maher had done a lot of boxing, both in England and in France,

and won the lightweight of his corps in a tournament in London. Ward's career as an amateur boxer, was short but very successful, but he had not done any fighting since the time he knocked out Charlie Tong three years ago. Maher's win over Ward was very decisive. Ward deserves praise for his pluck in striking the bout through and refusing to take the full count despite the severe punishment meted out to him on the three occasions he groggily rose from the boards after taking counts of nine.

Despite the fact that the men were unevenly matched, the Webb-Deaconhard bout was very interesting. Webb, who besides being handicapped by height and reach, was giving away nine pounds, fought with great pluck and determination. Despite the fact that he pressed for the best part of the fight, Webb could not get in a punch on his opponent without being hit in return. All Deaconhard had to do to check his opponent was to straighten his arm every time Webb came in, and jab him in the face and then follow up with heavy punches to the body. Webb's punch was heavier than Deaconhard's and those he managed to get home, shook his man considerably. One particularly heavy punch to the face had the effect of stunning Deaconhard, and Webb followed up smartly but the gong stopped further damage being done. After the one minute respite, Deaconhard returned just as fresh as ever and gave Webb no more chance to catch him napping. Webb came in for a lot of punishment in the last round but he stood it all unflinchingly and retired from the ring a creditable loser.

Seaman Hawlett of the "Alacrity," who had been ill with influenza for some time, took the ring against "Peggy" Evans within five days' notice and put up a plucky fight against 11lbs. heavier opponent until the 9th round when he gave up. These two men fought a draw at the City Hall on the occasion of the first tournament. Saturday's return bout was arranged in the 11th hour to take the place of the Kerrison-Walters show.

After the interval, a fast six-round Middleweight bout was fought between E.R.A. Sergeant ("Ambrose") and Seaman Willoughby ("Hawkins"). These two men proved to be very evenly matched. Both men possessed heavy punches and the way they slugged at each other was ample proof of their determination. Sergeant scored often on his opponent and won on points.

The event of the evening was that between Corp. Mason, R.M.L.I. ("Hawkins") and C.E.R.A. Lee ("Ambrose"). Lee, who is claimed to have been a good fighter had not been in a ring for some years, and in his attempt to "come back" on Saturday, was hopelessly outwitted. His was a poor defence, and Mason quickly sized him up. He certainly possessed a good right, but if he hoped for a knockout he was disappointed. Failing to get home in the first round before his opponent had time to "study" him, Lee resorted to clinching in the second round, but Mason kept away from him and punched his ungarded face every time he closed in. Towards the close of the first round, Lee walked into a right upper cut which shook his whole frame and he would have been out but for the gong. Lee returned at the call of time still suffering from the effects of the blow, and was sent to the boards for three counts of nine and ultimately his seconds had to throw in the towel. Mason won the belt without much effort on his part.

THE RESULTS.

COOK BEAT NORTH.

1st Round:—North went for his man, but instead of hitting hard, tabbed Cook several times on the face. Cook returned tabs to body. They clinched. At the break North tabbed Cook on the jaw. A lot of sparring followed and then Cook got in one on North's face as the gong sounded. Nobody's round.

2nd Round:—North chased Cook round the ring and was pulled up by jab to face. North continued to force and got in a punch on Cook's ribs. They sparred for some seconds, closed, exchanged a couple of blows and then clinched. North ducked an upper cut immediately after the break, and missed a counter. They were exchanging light tabs when the gong was sounded. Nobody's round.

3rd Round:—Cook's turn to force and sent in rather heavy punch to mouth and drew first blood. They clinched, and broke away smiling at each other. North closed and aimed a blow to head and stumbled. Cook hit North on head. North clinched and shot in right at the break. North followed up with blows to head and body, and got out of reach before Cook could retaliate. Nobody's round.

4th Round:—Cook again rushed, but North ran round the ring until cornered. A fair exchange of blows followed. North sidestepped and escaped upper cut. North missed blow to head and stumbled. Cook hit North on head. North clinched and shot in right at the break. North followed up with blows to head and body, and got out of reach before Cook could retaliate. Nobody's round.

5th Round:—Cook again forced and weight told. North received several body blows. North retaliated with punch to mouth. Cook sent in upper cut which North was

just able to escape. Cook continued to rush and ran into straight left jab. North's round by a shade. Referee told the men they were not trying. They were asked to fight hard.

Last Round:—They fought seriously in this round and there was a fair exchange of heavy blows. North ran after Cook, slipped and fell. As soon as North got up, Cook sent in punch to mouth. Cook followed up his advantage and punished North severely with swinging rights to jaw. North was slightly groggy when gong sounded. Cook was rightly given decision. North was heartily cheered for plucky fight.

MAHER BEAT WARD. 1st Round:—Maher gave away 3lbs. and started rather nervously. Ward who had advantage of reach and height, jabbed twice on face. Maher countered with heavy blows to body. Maher sparred for opening and sent in powerful right and left, which left mark on Ward's face. Maher's punches were very heavy for one of his youth. Ward was rather badly hurt in left eye as gong sounded. Maher's round.

2nd Round:—Maher who had developed great speed since his last local appearance sailed in and launched with right at Ward's face with all his force. Ward's long reach came in useful. He stretched his right arm as Maher came up and this saved him from receiving the full force of Maher's blow. Ward was forced to fall back before Maher's menacing right. As Maher rushed in again and delivered two blows to face, Ward retaliated with blind shot on Maher's face. Maher's round.

3rd Round:—Maher continued to force and drove Ward to corner, and delivered powerful jabs. Ward again had to fall back before Maher's rushes. Maher brought his useful left into effective play for the first time and his Ward heavily on face. Maher's round by a large margin. Ward went to corner groggy.

4th Round:—Maher gave Ward no chance. He forced the fight and got in several rights in succession. Ward's footwork came into play with great advantage and saved him from disaster.

5th Round:—Ward went into this round smiling confidently but Maher soon got him into trouble with series of heavy rights and lefts to head. Ward was decidedly groggy. Maher continued to punish Ward and sent him down for two counts of nine. Ward was completely finished, but Maher failed to hand over the "sleeping draft." Ward returned to corner groggy after going to the boards again and was saved by going on the count of five.

Last Round:—Ward came in still groggy but in the mix-up managed to get in lucky shot on Maher's head. The blow had no effect. Maher sent ward down twice, and he would have remained down for the full count on any one of the two occasions but for the encouragement he received from "Sky" Kerrison, his second. "Sky" refused to throw in the towel. Ward was again floored as soon as he rose on the count of nine, and sat down blinking stupidly until he was saved by the gong at the count of six. He had to be carried to his corner. Maher won the bout easily. Ward was accorded a great ovation for his pluck which he staggered from the ring with his left eye badly puffed. Maher received a beautiful silver cup.

DEACONHARD BEAT WEBB.

1st Round:—Webb (Ambrose) sailed into his man with great determination, but Deaconhard's (Hawkins) advantage in height, reach and weight (5lbs) stood him in great stead. Webb could not land. Deaconhard was slow to get warmed up to his task, and missed several good opportunities. There was hardly any fighting in this round which ended fairly even.

2nd Round:—Webb danced around his opponent and peeing an opening, put in several jabs with right. Deaconhard received a rub awakening and rushed for Webb and stretching his arms to their fullest extent, he kept Webb away, at the same time jabbing him repeatedly on face. Webb fell back before this onslaught. Deaconhard chased his man round the ring, and had his blows been a little more powerful, he would have ended matters in this round. Webb returned to corner breathing heavily.

3rd Round:—Webb returned for the third round completely recovered and helped along by the pluck which he possessed in abundance, he went for Deaconhard hammer and tongs. Despite the fact that Webb had no science, his blows were very heavy and Deaconhard was in trouble for a while. This was Webb's round.

4th Round:—Deaconhard came into this round determined to end matters, but Webb gave a good account of himself returning blow for blow. Webb cut Deaconhard's left eye and drew first blood. Before the gong, Webb got in an upper cut which shook Deaconhard. Deaconhard's eye which was bleeding freely, closed rapidly and he was in distress when the gong came. Webb's round by a large margin.

5th Round:—Webb played for Deaconhard's eye, but the latter defended well. Plenty heavy blows were exchanged. Webb's footwork got him out of trouble. Webb got in punch on Deaconhard's left eye which again bled. Webb's round.

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BOXING.

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Last Round.—This round saw some furious fighting. Deaconhard landed right jab to Webb's jaw and followed up with left upper cut, which shook Webb. Deaconhard continued to force matters and sent in a couple of body blows which got Webb into difficulties. Two more punches to the jaw cut Webb groggily and he was sent a beaten man. He had to clinch to save a knockout. Deaconhard got verdict and much cheers.

EVANS BEAT HEWLETT.

1st Round.—Hewlett (Alacrity) scored with two light blows on Evans (Hawkins) jaw, and followed up with jab to body. Evans replied with swing to ear. Hewlett got out of reach but returned immediately. He missed a right hook, and Evans sent in upper cut and stinging punch to wind. Hewlett was not the least distressed and danced about as lively as ever. Evans rushed and cornered Hewlett but instead of punishing him, was pulled up by punch to face and forced to cover up. Nobody's round.

2nd Round.—Evans made for Hewlett's body, whilst the latter devoted his attention to Evans' face. Hewlett was faster but Evans defended well and received all the blows on his gloves. Nobody's round.

3rd Round.—Evans found a mark on Hewlett's body with right. Hewlett replied with couple of sound jabs to face. Towards end of round, Hewlett got Evans gasping for breath with couple of blows on the wind. Gong saved Evans. Hewlett's round.

4th Round.—A lot of infighting in this round. Both tried for body. Hewlett guarded well and the heavier man could do no damage. Evans also guarded body well. This round was even.

5th Round.—Hewlett received a lot of punishment on body and was in distress. His footwork saved him from a knockout. Hewlett got in a couple of light jabs and then fell back before Evans' determined attack. Evans' powerful right shot up and Hewlett was knocked clean off his feet. He got up before the timekeeper could count one. The gong came simultaneously. Evans' round.

6th Round.—Evans was confident and tried for a knockout, but Hewlett sailed in and out with great speed and had the other guessing for a while. Evans left at last found a mark on Hewlett's chest. Hewlett got in right jab to face. Evans scored twice before the gong. Evans' round.

7th Round.—This was a repetition of the previous round with Evans forcing the fight. Hewlett got a little better of the exchanges in this round than in the other. Hewlett wisely kept out of Evans' way throughout this round. Evans could not get in a telling blow. He showed better ringcraft however, and won this round.

8th Round.—In this round Evans scored with left on body. Hewlett was busy defending until near the close of the round when he sent in a hard jab to Evans' jaw which shook him. Evans recovered however and sent Hewlett to boards a second time just as gong sounded. Hewlett got to his feet again at once.

9th Round.—Hewlett clinched after missing a right swing. Evans landed twice on the body at the break and Hewlett again clinched. Evans delivered a jab on the wind, and Hewlett, who was not at all in condition, showed signs of exhaustion, and not feeling well, very wisely gave up. Evans was given the verdict.

SERGEANT BEAT WILLOUGHBY.

1st Round.—Sergeant, the heavier man by 4lbs, was also the possessor of a longer reach and was taller. He assumed the aggressive immediately after they tipped gloves and delivered a couple of telling blows. Willoughby had more speed and slipped away, returning with a succession of blows with both arms. Sergeant was forced to fall back. Sergeant landed a nice upper cut just before the gong. Very even round.

2nd Round.—The men mixed up from the start and there was a lot of hard hitting by both. Willoughby sent in some short jabs to body and face and drew blood. Missing an upper cut, Willoughby tried to clinch but Sergeant punched him on nose and also drew blood. Blows were being freely exchanged when the gong sounded. Very even.

3rd Round.—Willoughby forced and lifted Sergeant from floor with double right arm punch on jaw. Sergeant took count of 3, and punished the other severely. Willoughby was caught off his guard and received a blow on the wind which left him gasping. Gong saved him. Fairly even round.

4th Round.—They rushed in turns and landed heavily. Willoughby was again shaken by powerful right to wind. Sergeant's round.

5th Round.—Sergeant played for the jaw and succeeded in landing a couple of jabs. Willoughby received more punishment in this round. He retired at the gong a beaten man, after receiving another heavy blow on wind.

Last Round.—Sergeant did all the fighting in this round and found mark on chest with both arms. Willoughby retaliated gamely, but missed an upper cut. His nose was cut by a heavy left swing. Sergeant finished

PICKPOCKETS AT THE RACES.

ANOTHER EXPERT NABBED.

At the Magistracy, before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese was charged with picking the pocket of Captain Thirlwell in the "D.A.J." stand on the last day of the races and extracting a wallet containing \$30 in notes.

The defendant denied the charge and said he had never been to the race course. He was a hawker in Canton and came down to make some purchases. He did not pick Captain Thirlwell's pocket.

Inspector Kent said Captain Thirlwell did not know his pocket was picked until his attention was called by a Chinese district watchman who actually saw the defendant take the purse.

The watchman said he was in the "D.A.J." stand when he saw the defendant follow Capt. Thirlwell into the stand. Capt. Thirlwell bought a sweep and the defendant did likewise. Witness kept an eye on the defendant and saw him pick his right arm round Capt. Thirlwell's body. As soon as the defendant got out of the crowd, witness grabbed him. Upon searching him, witness found the wallet in his left lower pocket. Witness told another watchman to call Capt. Thirlwell, and when the latter came up, he identified the wallet as his.

Capt. Thirlwell said he knew nothing about the loss of his wallet until he saw it in the last witness's hand. Witness said he had overheard on the time. He unbuttoned both his coat and overcoat to take a dollar bill from his waistcoat pocket. It must have been at this time that the defendant took his wallet from the right inside pocket of his coat.

The defendant then admitted that he was in the stand. He said he came from Canton with \$30. He had lost over four dollars at the races and was about to buy another sweep, when looking on the ground, he saw the wallet. Yielding to temptation, he picked it up and put it in his pocket. It was untrue that he took the wallet from Capt. Thirlwell's pocket.

Inspector Kent said that when arrested, the defendant had a dollar bill in his hand and he had in his pocket, besides Capt. Thirlwell's wallet and money, \$23.50.

His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

TOO OFFICIOUS WATCHMAN.

In Mr. Smith's court this morning, an Indian gunner of the H.K.S.R.G.A., was charged with assaulting an Indian district watchman in Kennedy Town on Saturday. The defendant pleaded provocation.

The Police said that the defendant and three other Indian soldiers were walking about in Kennedy Town rather jolly as the result of a little too much drink, and the complainant called out to them "you drunken fools, go back to your barracks at once." The defendant resented this and assaulted the complainant. The complainant had no right to call out to the soldiers as he did. He was going beyond his power in doing so, and he could not blame anyone if he was assaulted. The sergeant said that his sympathies were with the soldier in this matter. He announced that he had rung up Gun Club Hill for an escort to remove the defendant to the barracks to be dealt with by his commanding officer. The sergeant said that was the best course to take.

His Worship agreed and the defendant was removed from court by a military escort.

up with a powerful punch to the jaw and was dancing about his crouching opponent when the gong came. Sergeant declared "winner. Willoughby's pluck was noteworthy.

MASON KNOCKS OUT LEE.

1st Round.—They worked for an opening and Lee missing a right swing, clinched and punched his man on back of head. Referee warned him. Lee received upper cut on jaw and fell but rose at once. Both used rights freely after this, defending with left. Even round.

2nd Round.—Lee forced in this round and landed twice on body. Mason floored him with terrific right swing on head. Lee took count of 8. Lee was sent down twice more in quick succession for counts of nine. He was in difficulties when gong saved him.

3rd Round.—Mason ended matters in the first minute of this round. They fought furiously for a while. Lee was not guarding himself. He succeeded in hitting Mason heavily on face. In attempting to follow up, he received upper cut on jaw and went down for nine. On rising, Mason again sent him down for nine. Lee rose groggily, but succeeded in hitting Mason on ribs. He was sent down a third time with right and left to head. Lee sat on the ropes for count of nine, and then rose, but his legs were too weak to keep him up. He staggered two paces and fell face downwards. His seconds threw in the towel. Mason was declared middleweight champion amid deafening cheers. Sir Alexander Duff put the belt on the winner.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company was held at the offices of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone and Company, at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar presided and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Charter, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, (Directors) Mr. F. Graham, (Manager) Mr. H. J. Gedge, (Solicitor to the Company) and Messrs. C. H. P. Hay, G. N. Tinson, C. Osmond, Yung Sing, L. E. Oozio, C. Baptista, Leung Yun Po, Leung Wing Sang and Tso Hing.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, it now being past the hour for which the meeting was called, and since we have a quorum, I will ask the Manager to read the notice convening the meeting.

This being done the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, at the extraordinary general meeting held on January 23, extraordinary resolutions were passed increasing the capital of the Company to \$3,000,000 by the creation of 240,000 shares of \$10 each, and adopting new articles of association. It is necessary that these should be confirmed, and I have therefore proposed that the following extraordinary resolution, which was passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on January 23, 1920 be confirmed as a special resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) by the creation of two hundred and forty thousand (240,000) shares of ten dollars (\$10) each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the existing shares in the Company."

The Hon. Sir Paul Charter:—I have much pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution proposed by myself and seconded by the Hon. Sir Paul Charter which is now before the meeting. Those in favour please signify in the usual manner.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, I propose that the following extraordinary resolution, which was passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 28th January 1920, be confirmed as a special resolution:—

"That the new articles already approved by this meeting and for the purpose of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman be and the same are hereby approved, and that such articles be and they are hereby adopted as the articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing articles thereof."

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell:—I have much pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution, proposed by myself and seconded by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, which is now before the meeting. Those in favour please signify in the usual manner.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, under the old articles the Company had not power to capitalize the reserve, but having adopted the new articles, we can now deal with it. At the meeting held on 28th January, when referring to the increase in capital, I told you that many of our additions to plant and mains of recent years had been paid for out of revenue, and sums placed to reserve. The reserve which stands at \$600,000 is there undistributed profits spread over several years, and is part of our working capital. Your directors are of opinion that this should now be capitalized, and distributed among shareholders in the form of Bonus Shares. Should you adopt the resolution, shareholders on the register to-day will receive one bonus share for every share they hold. I therefore propose the following extraordinary resolution:—

"That it is desirable to capitalize the sum of \$600,000 standing to the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalization a bonus of \$10.00 per share on each of the issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared and that the Board be and they are hereby authorized to satisfy such bonus by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the issued \$10.00 shares of the Company on the date hereof, of one of the unissued \$10.00 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up, in respect of each share of the Company held by such persons as aforementioned and in satisfaction of such aforementioned bonus, and that such shares rank for dividends and in all other respects as from the first day of March, 1920."

Mr. C. H. P. Hay:—I have much pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. C. H. P. Hay, which is now before the meeting. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual manner.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. LOKSANG, Capt. Ritchie, 873 tons, arrived yesterday at 7.30 a.m. from Hainan with 600 tons of general cargo and 5 bags of mail.

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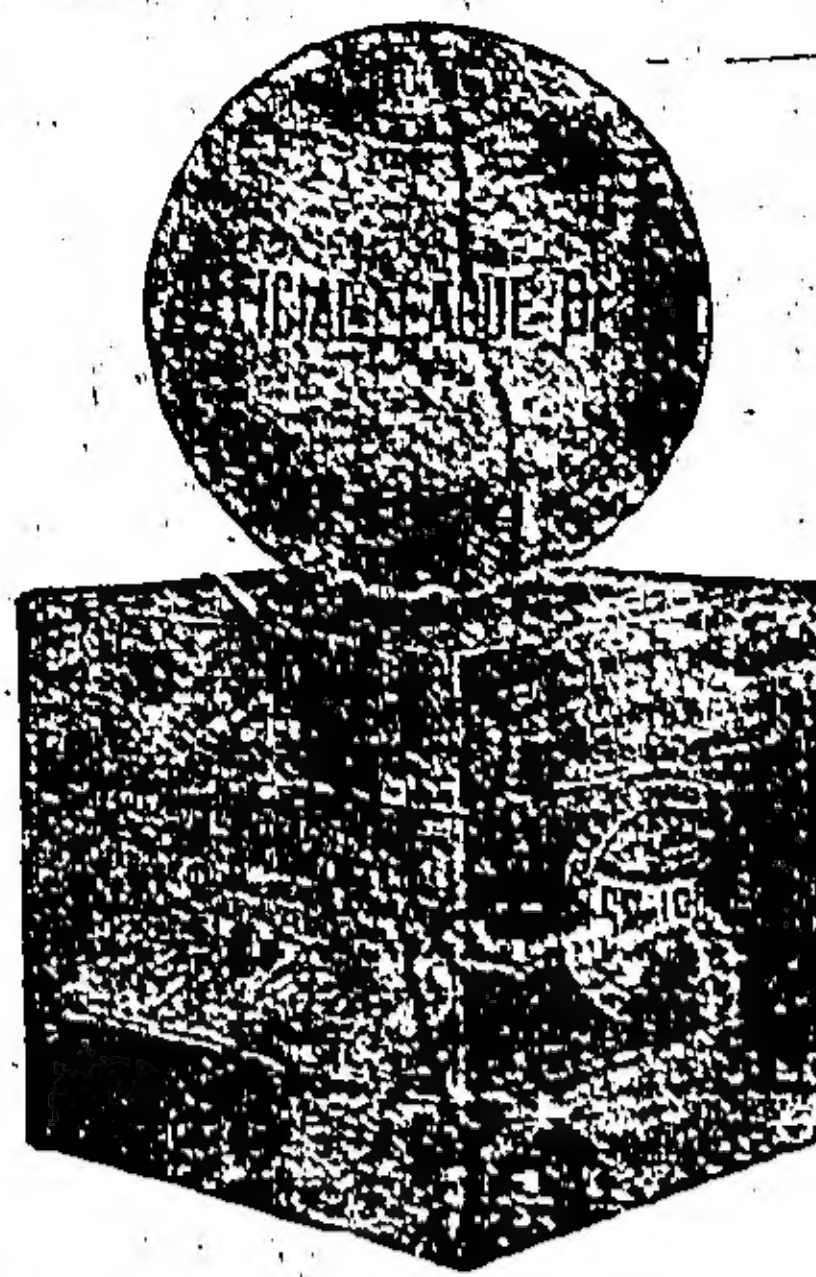
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no cement on, or that the cement was broken where ultimately the holes developed. That was true, but admittedly the absence of cement would not make the ship unseaworthy. Were the plates so thin or corroded, then, that they were unfit for the voyage. Only three bottom plates were removed; all the others were found to be sound. There had been most conflicting evidence of experts as to the time it would take for acid to corrode plates. Plaintiffs' experts, as a result of experiments upon plates, said it would take many weeks. One of the defendants' experts as a result of experiments, said it would take considerably less than ten days. Others of defendants' witnesses, as a result of experiments, said it was impossible to say how rapidly a solution would act on the bilges of a ship. Looking at this evidence as a whole, the impression left upon his Lordship's mind was that in this case the acid acted with unusual rapidity. But he was unable to say that the plates must have been so unsound before the acid reached them that they were dangerously weak for the ordinary perils of the voyage. The plaintiffs sought to show that the ship had in a previous voyage been subjected to the action of acid, and suggested that some other highly corrosive substance in that cargo might have been at work, but whatever of an imical nature the previous cargo contained, there was no evidence that any of it ever got loose. The onus was on the plaintiffs, and he could not find evidence that the ship was unfit for the voyage in the respect that it had a weakened or cracked pipe before the voyage began, and he could not find that it had bottom plates which were unfit for the ordinary risks of the voyage. The defence of perils of the sea succeeded, and there must be judgment for the defendants with costs.—*Journal of Commerce.*

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It is often said that "there is not much the matter with a man who can eat a good breakfast." Like many other generalisations, the statement is not entirely true.

A farmer in robust health, who rises at six o'clock and comes into breakfast at eight, may have a capital appetite for "a square meal." The sedentary business man who rises at eight and has to catch the 9.15 may enjoy very fair health and yet fail to enjoy his breakfast.

A zest for an early morning meal depends upon age, constitution, idiosyncrasy in diet, and the nature of occupation. Outdoor workers are usually hungry in the morning, but indoor workers need to be tempted at breakfast time.

"Bacon again!" mutters the City man as he scents the morning rasher while he is shaving. Obviously this is the wrong mood for a healthy appreciation of breakfast. Yet most of us struggle, morning after morning, with the customary but unrelieved bacon or boiled egg. We think that we ought to be hungry, as a sign of normal health, and we try to eat whatever is set before us.

Speaking for myself, I find that a certain disrelish for the conventional breakfast is periodic, and partly dependent upon the kind of work in hand and the mental state. After a day's gardening or walking I have a morning hunger on the next day. But many hours at the desk on the previous day considerably reduced appetite in the morning.

If we have no appetite for breakfast it is not always a sign of failing vitality. I have never met a Spaniard with a hearty hunger at eight in the morning. There is much to be said for the Continental light breakfast, of coffee and a roll and the early luncheon. Persons who dine at eight in the evening upon six courses cannot expect to feel very hungry the next morning unless they are engaged in active muscular work in the open air.

We are too conventional in the breakfast dishes. Why must we eat bacon and fish when they are distasteful? I have tried sundry variants with success. On some mornings in cold weather a thick soup and a slice of toast make a sufficient and agreeable repast.

I know a woman who has breakfasted for years upon four ounces of dates or figs and a glass of warm milk, a hygienic and nourishing meal. Many persons who do not "fancy" fat bacon at eight in the morning might try oatmeal porridge and an apple. The morning is the best time to eat fruit. Some fresh or dried fruit is usually appreciated by children at breakfast time and it is good for them.

A sportsman tells me that his ideal breakfast is a cold partridge and a half-bottle of white wine. I know a musical critic who starts the day upon a pint of stout. There is no reason why a man with a poor morning appetite should force himself to eat a meat breakfast, provided that he has two good meals during the day. Heavy morning meals are for those who do heavy physical work. Many men and women do not need substantial breakfasts.—*Daily Mail.*

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THE LATE INSPECTOR WOOLLEY.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of the late Inspector W. H. Woolley, of the Sanitary Department, whose death was reported on Saturday, took place yesterday at Happy Valley, the large attendance testifying to the popularity of the deceased gentleman. The coffin was carried from the house to the grave by six Sanitary Inspectors. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Lindsay, of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, who, in referring to the deceased, described him as a keen sportsman and a Christian gentleman. On behalf of himself and St. Andrew's Church he extended deep sympathy to the bereaved family. The chief mourners were deceased's son, and two daughters.

Amongst those noticed present were Mr. A. Gibson, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Dr. Pearce, Dr. Woodman, Mrs. A. D. Hickling, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, and Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds (Sanitary Department). The Masonic Order was represented by Mr. T. F. Hough, D.G.M., and the following officers of the District Grand Lodge:—The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.; Mr. H. Sykes, Mr. A. E. Crapnell, Mr. H. G. Carrad, Mr. A. G. Warren, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Mr. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. E. W. H. James, and Mr. H. A. Cartwright. Among the members of the general public were the Hon. Mr. R. O. Hutchinson, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. G. E. Stewart, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Mr. J. Rodgers, Mr. C. Bond and Mr. J. H. Oxberry.

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A HONGKONG MYSTERY.

THE UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLORSHIP.

Only a few days ago announcement was made that Sir Denison Ross had accepted the post of Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, a position rendered vacant by the resignation of Sir Charles Elliot. Yesterday there was a flutter in the University dovetailed caused by a Reuter cable to the press which gave out the information that Sir Denison had "definitely rejected" the offer of the Vice-Chancellorship. The Registrar of the University in answer to *China Mail* enquiries said frankly "I cannot understand it." He added that they had no information. He did not think it was true that Sir Denison had definitely declined because he had definitely accepted. There was no information as to any subsequent resignation. The Registrar thought it likely that Reuter had made a mistake as the telegram announcing his acceptance was only sent a few days prior to that sent out by Reuter.

Thus Hongkong has a little mystery all of its own.

CRAIGENGOWER CLUB DANCE.

A most successful dance was given by the Bachelor members of the Craigenower Club last Saturday night, and in spite of the inclement weather it was well attended. The rooms were very prettily decorated by Sgt. Pitt, and the new ladies' room came into use for the first time and was very much appreciated. The novelty of the "cutting in" system was tried, in the "tag dance." It was good fun, though not appreciated by those who were devoted to particular partners. The music was good. The girls wore very pretty dresses, and a gay and happy air prevailed. The Gentlemen of the Committee and Members were assiduous in their attentions. A dainty supper was spread in an adjoining room. All voted the affair a complete success.

G. E. Knight; Mr. E. W. White; Mr. H. E. Budden; Mr. N. Church; Mr. A. R. Forbes; Mr. T. M. Purpura; Mr. M. Legores; Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge; Mr. and Mrs. Langley; Mrs. Marshall and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Spittels; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill; Mr. and Mrs. A. Jenkins; Mr. and Mrs. Danenberg; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramsay; Mr. Vergette; Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett; Messrs. and Misses Goldenberg; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. R. Wood; Mr. H. Poplow; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Winchell; Mr. and Mrs. J. Vanstone; Mr. and Mrs. May; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. C. Taylor; Mr. J. Williamson; Sgt. and Mrs. McKay; Mr. and Mrs. Phil; and Mrs. Wright; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rowe; Mr. and Mrs. C. Lightburn; Mr. S. Kelly; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson and Bonnie; Mr. J. W. Harris; Mr. J. W. Rathey; Mr. and Mrs. W. Glenning; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Taylor; Mr. D. Neilson; Mr. and Mrs. P. Glendinning; Mr. and Mrs. C. Frith; Mr. and Mrs. Lyson; Lily; Mr. and Mrs. Roylance; Mr. R. Pestonji; Mr. E. C. Kerrison; Mrs. J. Benson; Inspector and Mrs. Kerr; Mr. E. W. Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dixon; Mr. R. H. Whitford; Mr. C. J. Poole; Mr. C. W. Olsen; Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones; Inspector and Mrs. Grant; Mr. P. T. Lambie; Mr. W. Old; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kynoch; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edmonds; Mr. A. Urquhart; Mr. and Mrs. R. Duncan; Mr. J. L. Simmons; Beatrice; Alice and Douglas Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. A. Thornhill; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. W. Higby; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fincher; Mr. and Mrs. Mow Fung; Mrs. E. McKay; Mrs. A. Dawson; Miss R. Mow Fung; Mr. and Mrs. Moses; and several Chinese friends.

A MATTER OF £70,000 DIFFERENCE.

In the King's Bench Division, Mr. Justice Roche gave judgment in an action in which the British Bank of Foreign Trade, of New Broad-street, City, sought as against the Russian Commercial and Industry Bank, Lombard-street, a declaration that they were entitled to 60,000 Chinese Government 5 per cent. 1912 gold bonds and 30,000 5 per cent. City of Baku bonds upon payment to the defendants at their London branch of a sum of 750,000 roubles or their equivalent in British money. They also asked for an injunction to prevent the defendants dealing in any way with the bonds in question.

Mr. R. A. Wright, and Mr. Du Parc appeared for the plaintiffs, and the defendants were represented by Mr. Douglas Hogg, K.C., and Mr. Speers. Plaintiffs case was that they deposited the bonds in 1914 as security for a short time loan of £77,657, in connection with which the defendants elected to exercise an option to make the advance in roubles. The securities were deposited in Belgium, and some time after the loan had been advanced, Brussels became occupied by the Germans, and the question of repayment had been postponed on this account. Eventually plaintiffs tendered payment in roubles or their value, but the defendants declined to accept this or to return the securities, contending it was a sterling advance, the option being merely to pay in roubles.

Mr. Douglas Hogg, for defendants, said the plaintiffs required the money in London, and the negotiations with the defendant's bank in Petrograd showed that it was to be a sterling loan, as the plaintiffs required the money in London. As there might be a difficulty in the defendant's London branch being able to pay sterling, they simply exercised a right to pay roubles that would bring in the equivalent amount to the sterling required. He said if it was a rouble loan, as the plaintiffs contended, for their action was misconceived, it could only be brought against their lenders, whose headquarters were in Russia, and was a Russian corporation that had by the Jureces of the Bolsheviks been merged into a state bank which England and France did not recognise.

His Lordship found in favour of the defendants with costs, and in his judgment said in June, 1914, the plaintiff bank had occasion for money in London, for amongst other reasons they had a considerable sum to pay in London to the then Government of Russia. In order to provide the funds necessary for these payments, which ran into many hundreds of thousands of pounds, they borrowed money from a number of banks, and one of the banks they borrowed money from was the defendant's bank, and the question which has arisen for my decision is the construction of the document which regulates and governs the loan which was made. The advance was made by the defendant bank and the loan was between £77,000 and £80,000, if expressed in English money, or 750,000, or three-quarters of a million roubles if expressed in Russian currency. The advance was in fact made at the end of June, 1914, and the question which has arisen between the parties is as to the repayment of this advance. The difference of opinion between the parties is that the plaintiffs say they are entitled to repay the loan in roubles, which would enable them to repay the debt by the equivalent of about £5,000 in English. The defendants, on the other hand, say no. It was a loan in English sterling, and therefore, if you want to repay us, you must repay us in sterling. The difference between the parties, and it makes a vast difference in money, about £70,000 or more. My judgment and decision is on the construction of three or four documents which passed between the parties. The original idea, it is obvious, was that the money which was wanted in England should be advanced in England, and what plaintiffs were trying to arrange for was a loan of £77,057 for a short term to be secured upon certain securities, City of Baku 5 per cent. bonds and Chinese Government gold bonds, which were then in France, and that later fact caused a little complication in the subsequent proceedings. But the defendants were not certain that they would be able to get the advance through their London branch in English sterling, and therefore the documents regulating the transaction provided, as they state, that the Russian Commercial and Industry Bank had decided to advance £77,057 for a short term loan to the British Bank of Foreign Trade against

these securities, but that the British Bank of Foreign Trade must take this amount in roubles unless sterling can be obtained for the London branch of the Russian Commercial and Industry Bank. That offer was accepted, and the defendant bank agreed to make the advance with the stipulation that they were entitled to make it in roubles, to the equivalent of £77,657 in round figures, which was three-quarters of a million roubles, which then represented not £77,657 but over £78,000. The case has been put shortly and excellently by counsel on each side, and the question is whether, as Mr. Hogg submitted, this was a loan and remained a loan of so many pounds sterling accompanied with an option which was exercised by the lenders, to make the loan at the then rate of Russian money, or whether it was, as Mr. Wright said, a loan in which the lender might have the option of making a sterling or rouble advance, with the result that they exercised the option and made a rouble advance, and that thereafter it always remained a rouble loan, repayable in roubles? On the whole I think that the defendants are right, and that the form of contract was treated as a sterling loan, although the option was granted to make the advance in roubles, and that it meant that it was a sterling loan. It is on that ground that my decision is based. It is a matter of the construction of this contract. It is said that the subsequent behaviour of the parties showed that it was a rouble loan and nothing else, but I do not think I can be governed by the subsequent conduct of the parties. In the first place, because it is inadmissible, and secondly, because it is ambiguous and points both ways. The truth is the parties at the time never thought of the differences in value because there was very little difference in the values. They did think of the immediate expenditure required at the time of the transfer, but there was no reason to think of the subsequent events that happened. I find that the defendant company kept their books and accounts and charged interest in roubles, which was quite reasonable having regard to their position as a Russian bank; on the other hand, the plaintiffs, who are in London, naturally kept their books in sterling. With regard to the letters, I find the plaintiff bank in London speaking of an advance in sterling, £77,500, and in a letter a few days later speaking of it as a rouble advance. The defendants, on the other hand, in writing about that matter, and telegraphing about it, speak of an advance of so many pounds in roubles. Therefore, I think the only safe thing to do is to neglect this matter, and determine the rights of the parties according to the letters of contract. With regard to that I have already given my opinion, and the consequence is I decide in favour of the defendants and against the plaintiff. I desire to mention the other points raised just to show that they have been taken. It is said on behalf of the defendants that at all events this declaration that I asked for ought not to be made, and that an injunction ought not to be granted, because if it is a rouble loan, contrary to my view, then the plaintiffs are not able to repay the persons who lent the money in the currency of the country and at the place where repayment ought to be made, and that therefore this relief is uncertain, or in lieu of the relief granted to a mortgage in a redemption action, and ought not to be granted. I think there is a good deal in that. The loan was certainly made by the head office in Petrograd. The decision of the securities in Brussels was in favour of the London agency, who are represented before me. There is no question that the London agency can be sued and brought here, but the matter does not rest there. The question is whether it would be equitable if the repayment was to be made in Russia that in an indirect way a misfortune had been made here to a misfortune that an uninvolved Government is running in Russia, and no repayment can be made here. If my opinion on the other point was different, I am satisfied I should hesitate a very long time before I granted relief in that direction. I think that disposes of the question except to say that the matter has gone on so long because the securities pledged were in Brussels, and being pledged in July, 1914, Brussels speedily passed into the occupation of the German forces, and the plaintiffs were then not willing to pay the money without getting their securities. So the matter dragged on, happily, Brussels was relieved of the German forces and the securities became available to them. But the misfortune that repayment could not be made before would not affect my judgment if I had to deal with the discretion of the court in granting relief.

His Lordship said it must be understood that his judgment was upon the basis of the contention of the defendants that the contract was for a sterling loan. He gave judgment for the defendants, with costs, and in reply to Mr. Wright said, there would, of course, be leave to appeal.—*Journal of Commerce.*

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARLIAMENT OPENED.

LONDON, February 15th. In the House of Commons, Mr. George Thompson moved an amendment to the Address regarding that the Government did not recognise the many impracticabilities of the Peace Treaty, nor appreciate the grave dangers to the economic position at home and abroad by the delay in restoring settled conditions in Europe and the Near East. Sir Donald Maclean quoted General Smuts' message, in which it was said that the real work of making peace would only begin after the Treaty was signed, and expressed the opinion that the whole experience of the past month had shown how substantially accurate was General Smuts' estimate of the situation. Sir D. Maclean appealed to the Government to take a long and statesmanlike view, further to fix the amount of the indemnity. He appreciated the length of the German Black List, and foreshadowed years of international litigation upon the subject. He urged that there was no hope of a sound economic future for Europe without free trade all round, and a start should be made in the new States of Central Europe.

Lord Robert Cecil urged the impracticability of undertaking a revision of the Treaty at present, although some terms would have to be revised later. Mentioning Egypt, the Middle East, Mesopotamia and Armenia, he said the situation was profoundly serious, chiefly owing to the delay in dealing with the Turkish question. He deprecated any further delay, and suggested that the League of Nations should publicly debate the Russian situation and also send to Russia two International Missions to ascertain what was going on there, and, secondly, to define the provisional boundaries of Russia and the border States.

Mr. Balfour, replying, declared that neither the Allied nor the German experts were able to estimate what Germany could pay ten or fifteen years hence. The Treaty provided that Germany might offer a lump sum within four months. The British Government had always been most anxious carefully to limit its list of war criminals, but was not enabled to examine other nations' lists. The British list included nobody who carried out illegal orders unless he had exceeded such orders. He sympathised with the difficult position of M. Clemenceau, who approved of the British point of view but was unable to escape the inclusion of persons guilty of individual crimes.

Mr. Balfour said he believed that no colours were too dark in which to paint a traitor, but the deplorable situation was not due to the Treaty but was the outcome of the war and the result of the applications of the principle of self-determination, the new States refusing to cooperate with their neighbours.

Mr. Balfour denied that Great Britain was in any way responsible for the delay in Turkish peace. He considered that the suggested intervention of the League of Nations in regard to Russia would be unavailing because its leading members had already tried unsuccessfully to discover a solution at the Peace Conference. Broadly speaking, the reason why Europe lacked so many fundamental necessities at present was because labour produced much less than before the war and credit had been exhausted. A great amelioration in the condition of Europe might be possible if the countries which the war left richer than before—(cheers)—fully assisted. Great Britain's greatest contribution to the solution of the problem would be to maintain intact and build up her great industrial system around which the whole security of Europe really revolved.

Mr. Thorpe's amendment was rejected by 251 votes to 60.

BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

BOMBAY, February 15th. The mill strike has come to an end and all the mills are working normally.

MR. HOOVER'S DENIAL.

NEW YORK, February 15th. Mr. Hoover has issued a statement in which he says he is not a candidate for the Presidency.

LABOUR CAMPAIGN IN STATES.

WASHINGTON, February 15th. The American Federation of Labour has entered into a political campaign by issuing a statement vigorously denouncing the Congress for failing in its duty by supporting autocratic and reactionary policies and straggling every effort to secure remedial and constructive legislation. It is announced that twenty-five Labour officials, including four women and headed by Mr. Samuel Gompers, have been appointed as the national non-partisan political campaign committee to mobilise Trade Unionists with the object of electing tried friends of Trade Unionism at the November Primary Elections.

STRONG BOLSHIEVİK POSITION.

LONDON, February 15th. An authoritative statement says that in North Russia, the Reds have concentrated strong forces on the Dvina sector. The situation is causing anxiety. In South Russia, the Volunteer resistance on the western sector has collapsed, and the Bolsheviks are pushing towards the Dniester on a 250 mile front northward from the Black Sea. Against Denikin's success on the Manich river the Bolsheviks are advancing towards Stavropol and the Ekaterinodar-Porovik Railway so rapidly as seriously to threaten not only Denikin's right but his communications towards the Caspian. The British detachment at Batoum is withdrawing to Constantinople.

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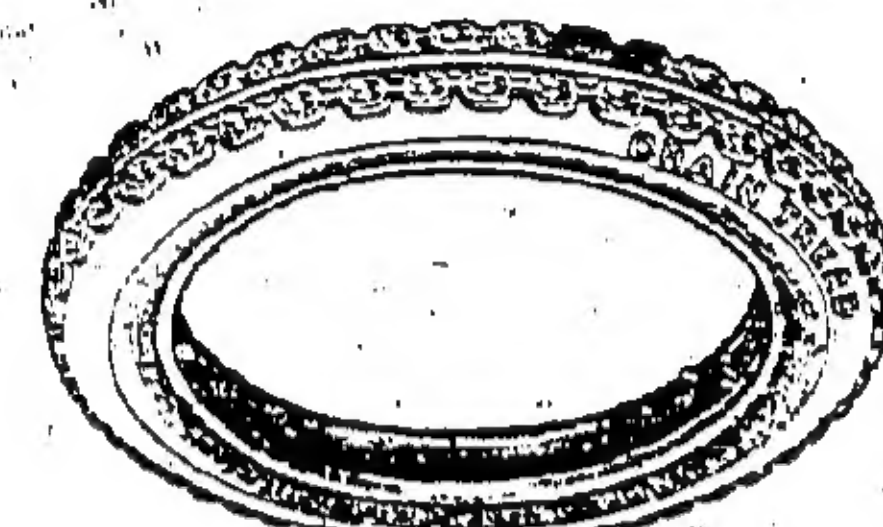
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A DOUBTFUL DAGGER.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese was charged with the possession of a dagger in Aberdeen on the 13th inst. He admitted the charge, and said that he was taking it into town to entrust to a friend to take it to the country.

Sgt. Davis said that he could not see that the weapon was adaptable to any other use than as a dagger. The defendant was met by an Indian constable near the junction of Pokfulam and Aberdeen Roads at 7 p.m., and questioned. The defendant, who was walking towards town, ran away. The Indian chased him and arrested him. He then offered the explanation that he had been to see a relative to borrow some money and was returning to town. The Indian searched the defendant and found the dagger stuck in his girdle. The sergeant said he took the defendant to the relative's house on the following day, and ascertained the truth of his statement that he had been there to borrow money and got \$1 from the relative.

After the Indian constable had given evidence of arrest, the defendant repeated his story. His Worship asked if there were anything known about the defendant and the sergeant said that he had been in jail but it was a long time ago. The defendant had also been banished from the Colony but the term of banishment had expired. His Worship expressed a doubt as to whether or not it was correct to call the weapon a dagger.

The defendant said he was a fish dealer. He bought fish from the boat people and sold them to fish stalls. He was well known at a fish stall in town, and he was sure they would be ready to guarantee his good character.

His Worship said the weapon might be one used by fish dealers. He remanded the case until Wednesday so that the sergeant might ascertain whether or not the weapon was a fisherman's knife, and also to give the defendant a chance to take the Police to the fish stall and produce witnesses to prove the truth of his statement.

POLICE GOING HOME.

The following members of the Police Force are leaving for Home on well-earned furlough by the s.s. "Nagoya" to-morrow: Sergeants Field, Pitt, Pain, Peperill, and Peet. Sergeant Marks who is booked on the "Nagoya" is still in hospital with influenza and is forced to cancel his passage. Inspector Watt is also obliged to cancel his passage on the "Nagoya" on account of Mrs. Watt being indisposed and unable to make the trip at present.

Five recruits—Pcs. Rosbrook, Mills, French, Stubbs and Reid—are also sailing on the "Nagoya". They are being repatriated on medical grounds. It was explained that the local climate is unsuited to their overtaxed constitution after long and strenuous war service.

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DESCENDANT OF GRACE DARLING.

STORY OF HEROIC ACT.

The story of the bravery of a descendant of Grace Darling was told recently at the offices of Furness, Withy and Co., Ltd., when Mr. John Hall Knott, chief engineer of the s.s. "Comino," received the honorary certificate of the Carnegie Hero Trust Fund, the honorary velleum of the Royal Humane Society for gallantly saving life, and a cheque for £1,000 from Furness, Withy and Co. as a further and practical recognition of his gallantry. Mr. Knott comes of a family which has been in the Trinity House service for three hundred years, and have been keepers of the Eddystone Lighthouse. His mother was second cousin to Grace Darling. In the early hours of the morning of Sept. 2, in Edinburgh Dock, Leith, Mr. Knott was in his quarters on board, when he heard the shouts of a man who had fallen into the dock. He rushed on deck, but owing to the darkness he was unable to see the man. From a height of 15 feet he dived into the water and found the man, who was much heavier than himself, struggling to save himself. Mr. Knott managed to bring him to the side of another steamer, the "Pargas," and held his head above water until a boat came on the scene.

Sir Frederick Lewis, chairman of the company, made the presentation, and said favourable comparison might well be made between such a deed and acts of courage performed on the battlefield. Such an act of gallantry was in full keeping with the best traditions of British seamanship.

Mr. Knott, who wears the ribbons of the South-African War (Queen's and King's), and the General Service and Mercantile ribbons of the great war, accepted the awards with modest expressions of appreciation and thanks.

FULL-BLOODED PEOPLE.

Why Other People Like Them.

When all call to mind men and women who give such a sense of vitality and strength that they are bound to get on. A woman of this type—full blooded, plump and bright-eyed—always has a group of admirers round her. A man of the same kind always gets his way. The reason is that there is a natural and wholesome tendency in all of us to appreciate health and healthy people—those with vigorous red blood in their veins, instead of this watery bloodlessness. Often we remark that we envy them their vitality and keen interest in the affairs of life.

There is no need for envy if the bloodless delicate ones will pay attention to health and make good their deficiency of blood. There is sound advice in the suggestion that all aching men and women should begin without delay a course of Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, for the reason that these pills make the good red blood of health and give the high spirits, energy and animation that go with it. If you are pale, anemic and nervous now, these pills pull you up. The first promising sign will be a natural healthy appetite, then the headaches, feeling of weariness and aching in the limbs will disappear, and your nerves will become steady.

Now is the time to begin Dr. Williams' pink pills. Get a supply from any dealer, or direct and post free one bottle for \$1.50, six for \$8.00, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 66 Broadway, New York.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 10th FEBRUARY, 1920.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

BANKS.	
Sterling Exchange 3/8 T.T.	
Hongkong Bank	\$300 n.
MARINE INSURANCE.	
Canlon Ins.	\$380 n.
North China Ins.	\$180 n.
Union Ins.	\$110 s.
Yangtze Ins.	\$190 n.
Far Easters	\$119 n.
FIRE INSURANCE.	
China Fire Ins.	\$138 n.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	\$303 n.
SHIPPING.	
Douglas	\$90 s.
H.R. Steamboat	\$31 s.
Indo-China (P&O)	\$30 n.
Do (Def.)	\$30 n.
Shanghai Transport	\$180 s. 300 s.
Star Ferry	\$29 s.
REVENUE.	
China Sugar	\$201 n.
China Sugar	\$47 s. 100 n. div.
MINE.	
Kailan Mining Adm.	\$140 s.
Langkai	\$14 n.
Shanghai Loans	\$14 n.
Shai Explorations	\$14 n.
Shai	\$14 n.
Trombe Mines	\$14 n.
Ural Caspians	\$14 n.
DOCK, WAREHOUSE, GODOWN, &c.	
H. & E. Wharf	\$14 n.
H. & W. Docks	\$14 n.
Shai Docks	\$14 n.
New Engineering	\$14 n.
LAND, HOTEL & BUILDING.	
Central Estates	\$14 n.
Hongkong Hotels	\$14 n.
Hongkong Lands	\$14 n.
Humphreys	\$14 n.
Kowloon Lands	\$14 n.
Land Reclamations	\$14 n.
West Point	\$14 n.
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewo Cottons	\$14 n.
Kung Yik	\$14 n.
Leau Kung Mows	\$14 n.
Oriental	\$14 n.
Shanghai Cottons	\$14 n.
Yangtze	\$14 n.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Cement	\$14 n.
China-Borneo	\$14 n.
China Lights Old & New	\$14 n.
China-Provident	\$14 n.
Dairy Farms	\$14 n.
H.K. Electric	\$14 n.
Macao D.C.	\$14 n.
Hongkong Ropes	\$14 n.
H.K. Tramways	\$14 n.
P&O Tramways (Old)	\$14 n.
do (New)	\$14 n.
Steam Laundry	\$14 n.
H.K. Steel Foundry	\$14 n.
Water-works	\$14 n.
Wh. Pavils	\$14 n.
Wiseman's	\$14 n.

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Certificates of Deposit issued in Gold Dollars, Sterling and Local Currency.

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We issue American Bankers Association and Guaranty Trust Company of New York Travellers' Checks, payable throughout the World.

HEAD OFFICE:

NEW YORK.

Other Offices in the East:

SHANGHAI PEKING TIENTSIN MANILA
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EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 10, 1920.

On London—

Bank, Wire ... 5/8

On demand ... 5/8

30 days sight ... 5/8

4 months sight ... 5/8

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On Paris—

On demand ... 1350

On New York—

On demand ... 82 1/2

On Shanghai—

On demand ... 100

On Hongkong—

On demand ... 100

On Canton—

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On Hankow—

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THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:

Alexandra Buildings, Chater Road.

General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.

The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

DONG TOY, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 2, 1920.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.

Head Office: 1, Des Voeux Road, Central.

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DOMESTIC & FOREIGN BANKING.

SERVICE PROMPT.

Current, Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear interest at rates 2%, 4%, 5%, respectively.

Inquiry on our SPECIAL SERVICE will be welcomed.

J. SHAW LEE, Manager.

Hongkong, July 1, 1919.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up = \$1,350,000.)

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL—\$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND—\$2,150,000.

RESERVE LIABILITIES—\$1,000,000.

PROFITABLE INCOME—\$1,000,000.

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N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 28, 1919.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rates may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 14, 1919.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

(FRENCH BANK).

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL—F. 250,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL—F. 150,000,000.

RESERVE FUND—F. 75,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC—F. 25,000,000.

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General Manager: A. J. Penot.

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AVIATION IN HONGKONG.

GOVERNMENT'S STRANGE ATTITUDE.

Mr. Robert Johnstone is to fly from Hongkong to Macao this afternoon on a Curtiss hydroplane.

Interviewed by a *China Mail* representative this morning Mr. Johnstone said his particular business here was to deliver the machine to Capt. Ricou of Macao and to give such instruction in the handling of the machine as might be necessary.

Was it not your intention to give an exhibition flight over Hongkong asked the *China Mail* man.

Mr. Johnstone:—Yes, it certainly was but I have been refused permission to make any flights by the Hongkong Government.

Did the Government give any reason for their refusal?

Mr. Johnstone:—No I know no more about it than you do. The attitude of the Government to my mind is inexplicable.

From where do you start this afternoon?—I don't even know that. My machine is now in the naval camp and all I know is that I have to get a launch to tow me out into the harbour and I must get up from the best position I can.

The attitude of the Hongkong Government appears to be very strange?

It is, I am at a loss to find an explanation myself. Perhaps they think I want to take photos but I have not a camera and in any case the thing would not interest me. I shall probably stay in Macao for a short time and then I shall get the first boat back to Manila.

Any chance of going up with you? No, not now. There might have been but, as I have told you, I am not allowed to give an exhibition over Hongkong. Otherwise I should have been very glad to take you up.

A REMANDED CASE.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning, a Chinese employed by a rice firm, was charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of \$350, part of a sum of \$500 entrusted to him by his employer to pay a debt owing by the firm. The defendant was alleged to have departed with the money and returning about half an hour later, handed over \$150 to his employer saying it was the balance of the \$500. Discovering that he had not paid the bill, the employer called in the Police and handed the defendant over.

Asked why he did not pay the bill, the defendant said that his employer owed his deceased father \$300, which debt had not yet been settled. Being hard up, he deducted that sum and \$50 interest out of the sum entrusted to him, and spent it on himself. He did not take more than was his due.

Mr. A. E. Hall who appeared for the defence applied for a remand. Mr. Gardiner, who prosecuted, having no objection, his Worship remanded the case for a week.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. PROTEUS (Capt. Read) sailed for Seattle via Kuchiput, at 3 p.m. to-day with 4,000 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. WU HANG (Capt. Kwok Kew) sailed for Kwong Chow, Wan at 2 p.m. to-day.

The s.s. KAITING (Capt. Panmer) sailed for Haiphong at 7 a.m. to-day with 250 tons of general cargo.

ARRIVALS.

February 15.

The s.s. GLENFALLOCH (B-11), Capt. Holmes, Agents Seng Soon Hong, left for Amoy to-day.

The s.s. KWAH WAH (Chi), Capt. Kwok Tai, Agents Wai Hing Co., left for Tientsin to-day.

The s.s. CHUSAN (Brit), Capt. Davies, Agents B. & S., left for Bangkok to-day.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1904-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

February 16 to 22, 1920.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height	Day	Time
Mon.	10 10	10.0	Mon.	1 10	1.0	Tue.	11 10
Tue.	11 10	11.0	Tue.	2 10	2.0	Wed.	12 10
Wed.	12 10	12.0	Wed.	3 10	3.0	Thur.	1 10
Thur.	1 10	1.0	Thur.	4 10	4.0	Fri.	2 10
Fri.	2 10	2.0	Fri.	5 10	5.0	Sat.	3 10
Sat.	3 10	3.0	Sat.	6 10	6.0	Sun.	4 10
Sun.	4 10	4.0	Sun.	7 10	7.0		

POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

The insured parcel post service to the province of Szechuan is suspended until further notice.

An agreement has been entered into between the Post Offices of China and Hongkong for an exchange of insured letters. The medium of insurance is the French Currency and the maximum amount for which a letter may be insured is 3000 francs.

A telegram has been received from the G.P.O. London stating that there are no restrictions on the importation of sugar by parcel post into the United Kingdom and that no parcels of sugar recently sent from Hongkong have been confiscated.

Attention is again directed to the necessity for more adequate packing of parcels addressed to United Kingdom. All parcels insured and ordinary to and from United Kingdom are now forwarded in bags and very careful packing is necessary to ensure safe transmission.

A direct exchange of Money Orders with the Republic of China has come into operation since the 1st January 1920.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands has been resumed since the 1st Jan., 1920.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammerah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, February 15.
U.S.A., Canada and Manila—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.
Shanghai—Per NAGASAKI.
WEDNESDAY, February 18.
Straits—Per KAGA MARU.
Europe via Negapatam—Per YAT SHING.

FRIDAY, February 20.
Manila and Australia—Per TANGO MARU.
FRIDAY, February 27.
Bombay—Per SAIKAI MARU.

OUTWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, February 16.
Shanghai, North China and Japan—Per MOCHI-Per ARAKATO.
AFCAR, 5 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.15 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China—Per KWONGSANG, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 17.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 8.15 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSHALLS—Per ELENOR, Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, L. Marques, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSHALLS—Per NOGATA, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SHANTUNG, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINSEBAC, 11 a.m.
Bangkok—Per CHEN CHOW, 5 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.15 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong—Per LOKSANG, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, February 18.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 8.15 a.m.
Philippine Islands, Australia, and New Zealand via THURSDAY ISLAND—Per AKI MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.15 p.m.
Tientsin—Per CHEONGSHING, 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, February 19.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 8.15 a.m.

Shanghai North China and Japan via Kobe—Per KAGA MARU, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 5 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.15 p.m.
FRIDAY, February 20.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 8.15 a.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.15 p.m.
SATURDAY, February 21.
Japan via Nagasaki—Per TANGO MARU, 10 a.m.

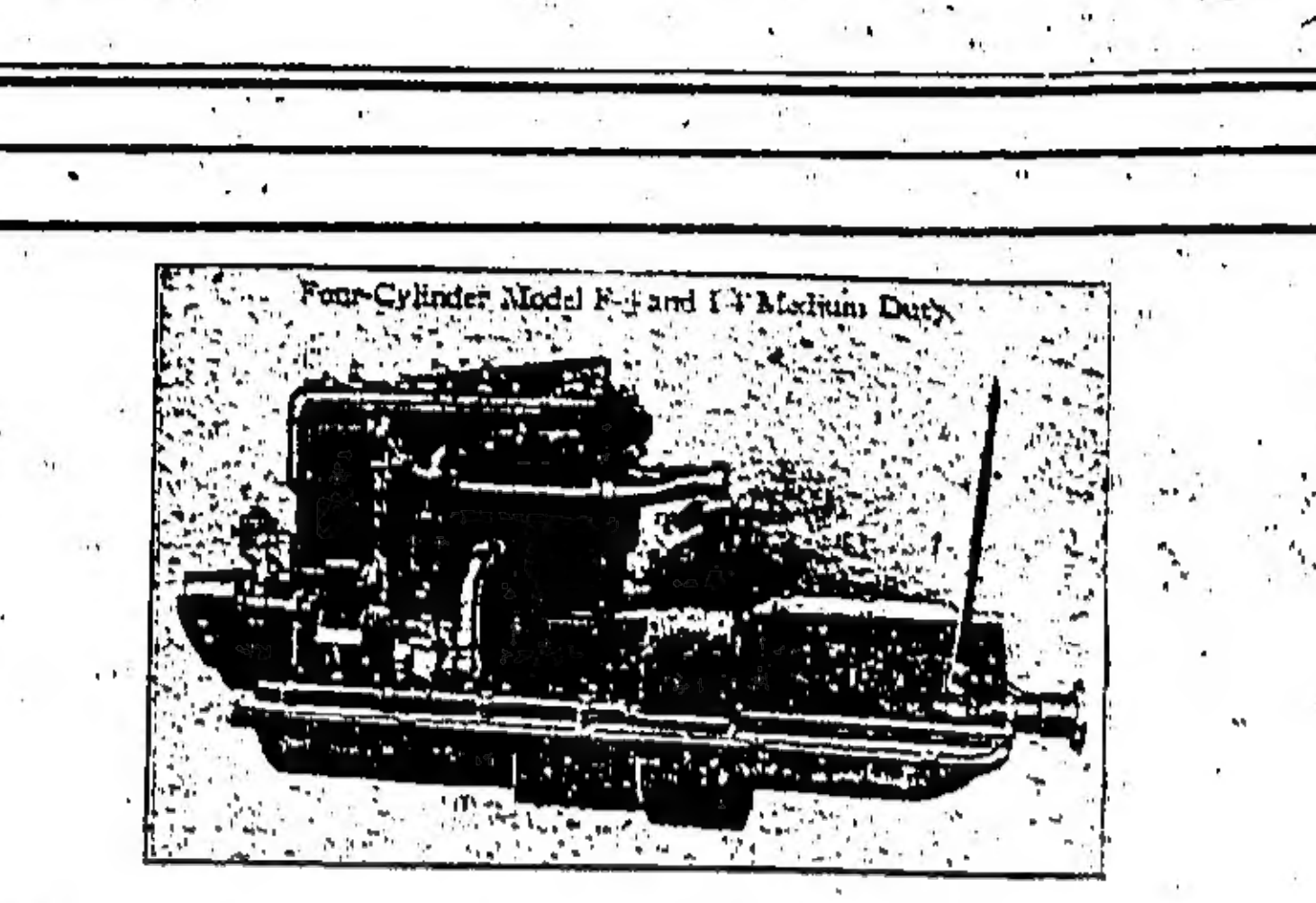
Shanghai and North China—Per HANGYANG, 2 p.m.
SUNDAY, February 22.
Philippine Islands, Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—Per KASHIMA MARU, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, February 23.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per KOREA MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, February 25.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSHALLS—Per IYO MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

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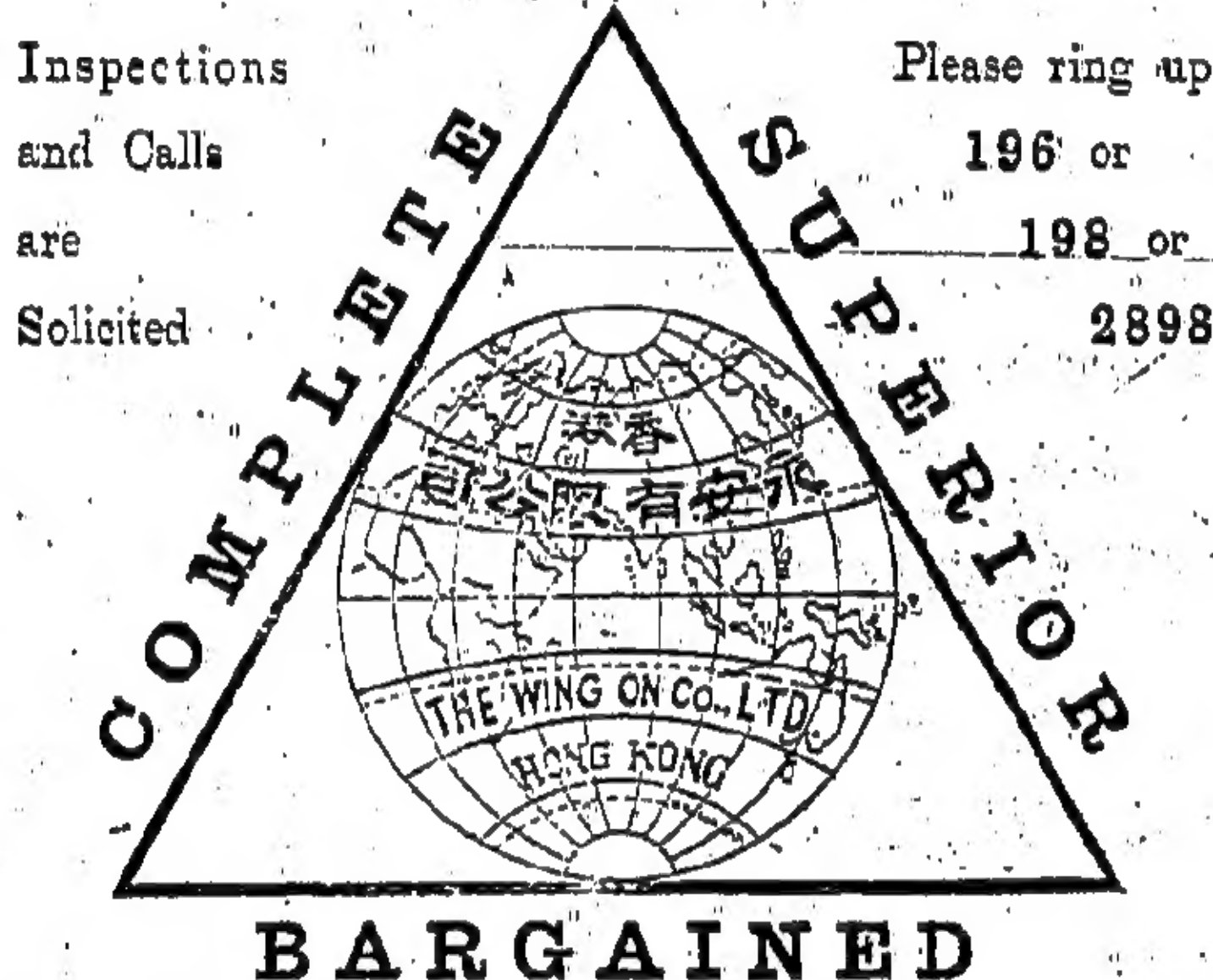
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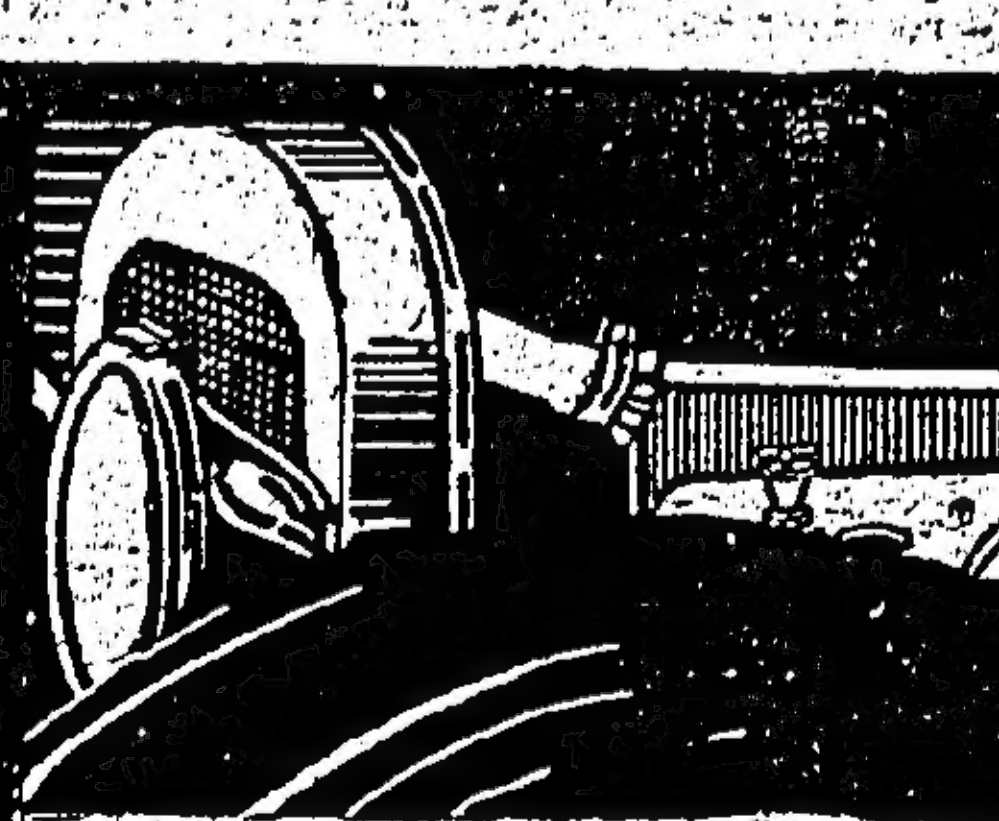
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If you will use Johnson's Carbon Remover at regular intervals giving carbon no chance to accumulate you will automatically eliminate most valve trouble and your engine will always be clean and at its highest efficiency.



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2 Queen's Buildings.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"CHINESE MERCHANTS"—Assuming that you mean what you say about the undesirability of waking race prejudice, we omit your letter. It is a snorter. We have already noted the foolishness of the remark you attack.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Manila on 13th Feb. 9 a.m. leaves there 14th Feb. 3 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on 16th Feb. at daylight.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's s.s. *Nagoya* left Shanghai for this port on the 13th instant at 9 a.m. and is due here on the 16th instant at about 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *4th Maru* (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 13th Feb., and is expected here on the 17th Feb.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Yokohama 4th Feb. left there 6th Feb. and is due at Vancouver on 17th Feb.

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